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TELEGRAMS.

The Riots in Belgium Spreading to the Mining Districts.

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YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS.

BELGIUM.

Renewal of the Riots at Charleroi.

LONDON, Saturday, March 28.

Later dispatches mention that the riots at Charleroi, Belgium, have again broken out.

The disorder has spread with alarming rapidity to other mining districts in the neighborhood. The authorities have posted troops, and taken other measures to meet every emergency.

SPAIN.

American Newspapers Excluded from the Kingdom.

MADRID, Saturday, March 28.

The Government is rigorously excluding all American newspapers, seizing them in the mails or wherever found. Even those addressed to Mr. HALE, the American Minister, have been suppressed. Mr. HALE has protested to the Spanish Government against this outrage.

GREAT BRITAIN.

George Francis Train Before a Court of Bankruptcy.

LONDON, Saturday, March 28.

The case of GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN, who was arrested for a debt due an English firm, incident to the street railroad speculation some years ago, came before the Court of Bankruptcy at Dublin a day or two since.

Mr. TRAIN presented to the Court a schedule of his assets and liabilities, which the Court rejected as a complete farce, and denounced it as "worth less than so much blank paper."

The Case of the Fenian General Nagle.

LONDON, Saturday, March 28.

The trial of the Fenian General NAGLE, which was unsuccessfully attempted at the Sligo Assizes some time ago, will take place before the Court of Queen's Bench, in this city, some time in May.

FIRES.

Three Sons of Hon. Chas. Dudley Burned to Death.

DESMOINES, Iowa, Saturday, March 28.

In the House to-day, Mr. CALDWELL announced that the residence of his colleague, Hon. CHAS. DUDLEY, of Agency City, Wassella county, was burned last night, and three of his sons perished in the flames. A series of resolutions appropriate to the occasion were unanimously adopted. Similar resolutions were adopted in the Senate.

Planing-Mill and Lumber Destroyed at West Troy.

TROY, N. Y., Saturday, March 28.

C. D. and D. A. ROSSEAU'S brick planing-mill, office, and a large pile of lumber, also several piles of lumber owned by STURDEVANT & ANDREWS, in West Troy, were burned this morning. The fire is still burning fiercely in the lumber pile of the latter firm, but will probably spread no further. ROSSEAU'S loss is $20,000 on the building and lumber. He is insured for $10,000. STURDEVANT & ANDREWS' loss is $5,000. They are insured for $15,000. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

Burning of a Planing-Mill and Residence in Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, Saturday, March 28.

The planing-mill and residence of T. C. KELSEY, and a carpenter-shop and considerable lumber, in Clarksville, Mo., were burned on Wednesday. Loss, $15,000; insured for $5,600.

Steam Mill Burned in Minnesota.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Saturday, March 28.

The steam mill of MESSRS. WILEY & BRO., at Champlin, Minn., was burned yesterday. The loss is estimated at $20,000.

The Repeal Petition of the Representatives of Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX, N. S., Saturday, March 23.

The repeal petition addressed to the British Parliament by the representatives of Nova Scotia, set forth that the Union act has overthrown their institutions and initiated a process of dismemberment, protests against the act, because it deprives them of the right of self-government, and subjects them to enormous cost and inconvenience, by compelling them to transact public business in a city eight hundred miles distant; it transfers to the Government at Ottawa powers more extensive than the Imperial Parliament ever exercised, and vests in that Government the entire patronage of the Post-office, Revenue Department, Light-house and Public Works; confers on the Dominion Parliament the right to burden the trade of Nova Scotia with the world at large; states that confederation is most distasteful to the people of Nova Scotia, and is fraught with evils, unjust and uncalled for; characterizes the mode in which it was brought about as a surprise upon the people and a fraud upon the Imperial Parliament, and has since been condemned at every hustings with a unanimity never before witnessed on public questions.

The petitioners trust the act will be frankly withdrawn and canceled. The document is signed by fifty-two members of Parliament.

Gen. Grant and Impeachment Indorsed by the New-England Methodist Episcopal Conference.

BOSTON, Saturday, March 28.

During the session of the Conference of the New-England Methodist Episcopal Church, the Committee on the Course of the Country, through Rev. GILBERT HAVEN, reported resolutions indorsing impeachment and eulogizing Gen. GRANT and Secretary STANTON for their patriotic conduct.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted, and it was voted to send copies to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, Secretary STANTON, Gen. GRANT, and the Chief Justice of the United States.

Officials, to-day, seized 717 barrels of spirits on board the steamer *Roman*, from Philadelphia, on suspicion of its being shipped from that port without payment of the Government tax.

Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad—Election of Officers.

DESMOINES, Iowa, Friday, March 27.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company, held at Davenport, Iowa, yesterday, several resignations were accepted and the vacancies filled. The majority of the members are composed of Illinois and Iowa men. The act of the Iowa Legislature in regard to the road was accepted, and the certificate of acceptance was filed in the office of the Secretary of the State in this city this afternoon. The new members of the Board are not parties to any pending suits, and a majority being competent to transact the business of the Company, without reference to the suits in New-York or elsewhere, it is believed that its affairs can go on smoothly again.

The Approaching Election in Louisiana—Letter from Gen. Hancock.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, March 28.

The Democratic State Central Committee, having considered the impending election on the proposed new Constitution, and for officers thereunder, submit that all citizens sympathizing with the Democratic Party, who are entitled and registered to do so, vote against the adoption of the Constitution, and recommend that the present incumbents of all State, Congressional, Judicial, parochial and municipal officers, so far as they are known, who act in harmony, with the special purpose of defeating the Constitution, be placed in nomination and voted for as candidates for their respective offices. The morning papers publish a letter from Gov. HANCOCK to Gov. PEASE, arguing the efficacy of Civil Law, and the rights of the people. This is in answer to Gov. PEASE'S letter concerning Gen. HANCOCK'S refusal to order a Military Commission for the trial of citizens in Texas. The letter covers two columns of close type. The letter is commented upon favorably by the city press.

A New Indictment Against Jeff. Davis—The Convention.

RICHMOND, Saturday, March 28.

The United States Grand Jury has found a new indictment against JEFFERSON DAVIS. It covers 80 pages, and details all his offences since the opening of the rebellion.

The Virginia Convention has been engaged to-day on the educational report. An amendment for separate schools for whites and blacks was laid on the table.

Five prisoners confined in the County Jail for various offences, broke out and escaped this morning.

Election of Delegates to the Illinois State Democratic Convention.

CHICAGO, Saturday, March 28.

The Democratic Convention of this county this afternoon elected 48 delegates to the State Convention, and unanimously passed resolutions favoring PENDLETON as first choice for the Presidency.

The Mississippi Convention.

JACKSON, Miss., Saturday, March 28.

In the Convention to-day the Judiciary report is still under consideration, making slow progress, with no prospect for an adjournment.

The Mississippi Central Railroad propose to pass free of charge the delegates residing on the line of that road when the Convention adjourns.

Election in Belfast, Me.—Railroad Stock Secured.

BELFAST, Saturday, March 28.

By a vote of 859 to 50 the City to-day accepted the act of the Legislature authorizing an additional subscription of $140,000 to the preferred stock of the Belfast and Moosehead Lake Railroad. This insures the immediate construction of the road.

Nomination for Congress in North Carolina.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Saturday, March 28.

The Conservative Convention at Lamberton yesterday nominated THOS. C. FULLER, of Cumberland, for Congress.

Gen. Sherman and the Indian Commissioners.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Saturday, March 28.

Gen. SHERMAN will leave for Omaha on Monday, for the purpose of meeting the Indian Commissioners.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

Arrival of the Santiago de Cuba—$474,000 in Treasure.

The steamship *Santiago de Cuba*, from Aspinwall, March 19, arrived at this port with the following treasure: To Lees & Waller, $374,000; to Dabney, Morgan & Co., $100,009 67; total, $474,009 67.

Miscellaneous Intelligence from the United States of Colombia and Nicaragua.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PANAMA, Thursday, March 19, 1868.

The only news since my last from the interior is from Carthagena. The attempts to excite military insurrections in the State of Bolivar and at Carthagena, as well as at Barranquella, had been discovered and defeated.

The trial of six of the persons who so basely murdered the two American officers of the *R. R. Cuyler*, (otherwise *El Rayo*,) in the streets of Carthagena, was commenced on the 27th of last month at Carthagena. The jury, after hearing the evidence, which lasted three days, committed the culprits for trial, a formality which it is safe to say will result in nothing.

The British Consul at Santa Martha was trying to settle the squabbles between the States of Magdalena and Bolivar.

Mr. FAWCETT, who was shot some twenty days since by young PAREDES, has nearly recovered, and will leave for New-York on the 2d April.

The sloop-of-war *Cyane* is in port, and the *Marblehead* and *Penobscot* are at Aspinwall, the latter having just returned from a trip to Old Providence. The *Marblehead* is expected to leave Aspinwall soon for Key West.

The *Henry Chauncey* arrived at Aspinwall to-day with nearly 1,200 passengers, who will leave on the *Sacramento* for San Francisco to-night.

The *Nevada*, with 250 passengers for New York, arrived from San Francisco this morning, and the *Santiago de Cuba* will leave Aspinwall with them to-night.

The weather here is very hot and dry just now, but the air is pure, and the Isthmus extremely healthy.

A late arrival from Central America brings nothing of note, except that the Nicaraguan Congress had adjourned, after ratifying the old treaty which was rejected by the United States Senate six or eight years ago, and subsequently ratified by the latter body.

The Admission of Alabama—Senator Stewart's Bill.

The following is the bill introduced by Senator STEWART, of Nebraska, to provide for the admission of the State of Alabama:

An Act to provide for the temporary and provisional government of Alabama.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Constitution framed by the Convention of Alabama, which was submitted for ratification by the people at an election commencing on the 4th day of February, 1868, is hereby declared to be the fundamental and organic law for a provisional government for the people of Alabama, so far as the same is not in conflict with the laws of the United States; and the officers elected at said election shall, on the 1st day of May, 1868, qualify as provided in said Constitution and the ordinances of said Convention, and immediately thereafter enter upon the discharge of the duties of their respective offices.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the Governor, at any time after he shall have qualified and entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office, may, by proclamation, convene the Legislature chosen at said election. The Legislature, when so convened, shall possess all the power conferred by said Constitution which may not be in conflict with the laws of the United States. And the Legislature is hereby further empowered to resubmit said Constitution to the qualified electors of Alabama for ratification, at such time or times as it may designate. And said Legislature is also empowered to submit the Constitution as framed by the Convention, with or without amendments proposed by the Legislature.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That whenever the people, by a majority vote of the qualified electors of Alabama, shall have ratified a constitution submitted as aforesaid, and the Legislature of the proposed State organization shall have ratified the amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed by the Thirty-Ninth Congress, and known as article XIV, the Constitution of Alabama may be presented to Congress for its approval.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the district commander shall furnish all necessary aid in enforcing this act. And the act of March 2, 1867, entitled "An act to provide for a more efficient government for the rebel States," and the acts supplementary to and amendatory thereof shall remain in force, except as modified by this act, until Alabama shall be restored to representation in Congress.

FORTIETH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE.... WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 28.

NATURALIZED CITIZENS.

The Chair laid before the Senate a resolution of the Legislature of Ohio, asking Congress to declare that naturalized citizens owe no allegiance to foreign Powers, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

MILWAUKEE HARBOR.

Mr. HOWE presented a memorial from the Chamber of Commerce of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, praying that the money expended on the harbor be refunded, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

REPORTS PRESENTED.

Mr. EDMUNDS, from the Committee on Conference, on a bill to cover into the Treasury the proceeds of captured and abandoned property, presented their report, which was agreed to.

Mr. PATTERSON, (N. H.,) from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported favorably a bill to incorporate the *Evening Star* newspaper.

Also a bill to incorporate the National Life Insurance Company.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ATLANTIC.

Mr. EDMUNDS offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate whether he has established or ordered the establishment of any new military department since the 1st day of August, 1867, and if so, what department or departments, and under what statute and other authority.

OUTSTANDING U. S. BONDS.

Mr. DAVIS offered a resolution inquiring of the Secretary of the Treasury what amount of the United States bonds is outstanding of each class, with the rate of interest and what each class was worth in gold at the time they were issued.

Mr. SHERMAN suggested that it would be impossible to give that information at a moment's notice, and the resolution was laid over.

THE TAX EXEMPTION BILL.

On motion of Mr. SHERMAN the Senate took up the report of the Committee of Conference on the bill to relieve certain manufactures from internal tax. Mr. SHERMAN explained the amendment.

Mr. NYE again opposed the amendment for punishing whisky frauds. He objected to the price being taken as *prima facie* evidence of guilt on the part of all distillers, the innocent and guilty alike. A forfeiture smuggling whisky, and selling for less than the tax, could thus compromise all the distillers in the District after ten days. Distilling was a business as legitimate as leather making. The bill now proceeded upon the hypothesis that all distillers were rascals, whereas the onus of proof should be thrown on the accuser until the guilt was shown. He denied the right of Congress to stop a legitimate business without cause. It would not withstand a scrutiny by the judiciary for one moment.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN said the effect of the bill would be to close up every distillery in the country, and asked if such was the intention of the Committee.

Mr. SHERMAN said the intention of the Committee was to enable the Internal Revenue Commissioner to close up every distillery that ought to be closed.

Mr. NYE said the effect would be to deprive the Government of any revenue whatever for whisky, and perhaps to fill the penitentiaries with revenue officials. The remedy lay in another direction. He understood that a law was in preparation to cover the whole subject, and he submitted that it would be better to leave the matter until then, instead of establishing a system of spies upon a legitimate business. The bill was oppressive and unjust.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, said not one-eighth of the whiskey paid duty, while accomplices received more than the Government. It was not altogether uncalled for to suppose that all distillers were in league in the fraud. The bill, however, was too stringent. He suggested an amendment, leaving it in the discretion of the Internal Revenue Commissioner to close up distilleries instead of mandatory upon him.

Mr. SHERMAN, said it was useless to attempt another Committee of Conference. The bill had been fully considered.

Mr. MORTON objected to the punishment provided for these frauds, as there were existing laws on the subject. The trouble was, they were not enforced. He had inquired at the Internal Revenue Department, on the 6th of January, and found that there had not been over a dozen persons punished for these crimes up to that time. They might multiply penalties, but until it was made a personal danger to commit such frauds, they could not collect the tax. The cases usually result in compromise, and the payment of fines less in amount than the tax. Such men cared nothing about the name of fraud. The evil would never be corrected until fifty or one hundred of them had been sent to the Penitentiary, instead of being allowed to settle the matter by compromise with the District-Attorney. They should take out of the power of the Internal Revenue Commissioner the Secretary of the Treasury, and above all of the District-Attorney to compromise. The District Attorneys were tempted by the law giving them only $50 for every conviction, but allowing them two per cent. if they obtained a confession of judgment for $20,000 or $30,000. This evil, if complained of, would be increased by the proposition of the Committee. He imputed no corruption upon the Secretary of the Treasury or the Internal Revenue Commissioner; they had not the proper opportunities, away from the scene of action, to make investigations. If the power of compromise were taken away, however, and a few of those committing frauds sent to the Penitentiary, another state of things would soon be manifest. He read a joint resolution, read by him in January last, removing this power of compromise, and making it compulsory that criminal proceedings be carried forward.

Mr. FESSENDEN coincided in the opinion of the Senator in regard to compromise. In addition to that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue had not the means at his command to make the investigations provided for in the bill. He had no sympathy with those engaged in the business. He thought it evident that it could not be carried on honestly with the present prices of whisky. Reduction of taxation might mitigate the frauds somewhat. He, too, believed the present provision for additional penalties would be found impracticable. He called the attention of the Chairman of the Committee to the fourth section, and asked whether it did not cover all manufacturers, imposing five per cent. on all wholesale manufactures above $5,000.

Mr. SHERMAN said it did.

Mr. HOWARD asked whether lumber and flour were included?

Mr. SHERMAN replied in the affirmative. He said it includes all manufactures but butter and cheese; there was no reason why all should not pay the tax when the production exceeded $5,000 in value.

Mr. JOHNSON opposed the amendment at some length, professing himself in favor of the measure proposed by Mr. MORTON, but asserting that a reduction of $10 to $1 would result in the cessation of frauds, and the collection of a large amount of revenue.

Mr. WILLIAMS said the proposition of Mr. MORTON was inconsistent, starting out as it did by taking the ground that there were already penalties provided that were not carried out, and yet proposing another. What proof was there that the District-Attorney made dishonest comprises with fraud, or would not connive at the escape of the same men from criminal prosecution? A great outcry had been raised about whisky frauds by the very men who now, when a measure was proposed looking to their prevention, professed great sympathy for the poor distiller. He held that the true course to stop these frauds was a proceeding *in rem.*, not a prosecution of individuals, and he argued that the present provision was justifiable, and would be effective.

Mr. NYE said the large distilleries in cities manufactured for a foreign market, making a superior and high-priced article, upon which they could afford to pay the tax.

Mr. SHERMAN asserted that the distilleries of Kentucky and Ohio made most of the whisky imported—about 2,000,000 gallons.

Mr. NYE repeated that there were large distilleries in New-York that manufactured solely for exportation. Were they to be closed up because others committed frauds, and their stock left on their hands in order to allow the Government to dispose of the whisky on hand from seizures?

Mr. HENDRICKS condemned the tax as unreasonable, and as being the sole cause of the frauds. A proper tax could be collected, and a tax of 50 cents would produce more revenue than one of $2. They should not start out with the idea that whisky was an outlaw, to be hunted down.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN was in favor of the proposition to close up the distilleries. If innocent, it would not injure them, as the effect would be to raise the price of the whisky in store. He denied that it would have the effect of an *ex post facto* law in stopping the manufacture by persons engaged in violating the law.

Mr. DAVIS argued that the Committee of Conference had no right to take cognizance of the whisky provisions. Such a proviso defeated the right of a distinct vote and freedom of debate on every question. He advocated at some length taxation of the capacity of distilleries, as the only practicable mode of collecting the revenue.

Mr. HOWE declared himself in favor of collecting two dollars tax, but thought this bill would be imperative to do it, on which points he spoke at some length.

At 4:30 o'clock Mr. CONKLING called attention to the little time that remained for the action of another Committee of Conference, Monday being set apart for other business, and urged the friends of the report to allow a vote to be had, either on agreeing to the report or on a motion to non-concur.

Mr. HOWARD then moved to disagree, and ask another Committee of Conference.

Mr. EDMUNDS said he would vote to send the matter to another Committee of Conference, in order to provide means for the collection of tax as effective as possible.

Mr. CAMERON believed the tax could be collected and would vote for this and every measure tending to enforce it.

Mr. TRUMBULL did not believe a tax of $2 was to be collected by inflicting extraordinary penalties. Crime could not be prevented by the extremity of the penalty.

Mr. HOWARD'S motion was agreed to by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Buckalew, Chandler, Cole, Conkling, Davis, Dixon, Edmunds, Fessenden, Hendricks, Howard, Howe, Johnson, McCreery, Morrill of Vermont, Nye, Patterson of New-Hampshire, Patterson of Tennessee, Ramsey, Tipton, Trumbull, Van Winkle, Willey, Wilson—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Cameron, Cattel, Frelinghuysen, Henderson, Morgan, Pomeroy, Sherman, Sumner, Wade—9.

Mr. ROSS, who would have voted "no," was paired with Mr. NORTON. Mr. THAYER, who would have voted "no," was also paired.

The Chairman appointed as the new Committee of Conference Messrs. SHERMAN, HOWARD, and MORTON.

POLITICAL DISABILITIES.

Mr. TRUMBULL called up the bill to relieve the political disabilities of Mr. RODERICK R. BUTLER, of Tennessee.

Mr. BUCKALEW took the floor in opposition, but yielded at 5 o'clock to a motion to adjourn, and the Senate adjourned to meet on Monday at 11 o'clock.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, presented the joint resolutions of the Iowa Legislature in reference to the Des Moines Rapids Canal swamp land selections.

Mr. VAN HORN, of Missouri, introduced two bills amendatory of present naval regulations. Referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. PIKE, of Maine, introduced a bill to equalize the grade of the staff corps in the navy. Referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. JUDD, of Illinois, introduced a joint resolution in reference to the rights of United States citizens. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

THE ADMISSION OF ALABAMA.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bill to admit the State of Alabama to representation in Congress.

Mr. ASHLEY, of Ohio, offered a substitute.

Mr. KERR, of Indiana, addressed the House in opposition to the bill. He declared that if the State of Alabama was admitted into the Union under the law, and with the shackles which the last section imposed upon her, she never could stand up in the family of Republics and say that she was the equal of her sister States. She would come in with a brand of degradation and inferiority upon her, made perpetual by the act of Congress. And yet they were told that this was to be a Government republican in form. It was a Government which the people of Alabama despised; which they loathed; which they rejected in every way left to them by military despotism in which to express their feelings. When Alabama was first admitted she inscribed on her coat of arms the motto, "Younger, but Equal." In that motto was expressed the law of this country, a law most important, most valuable, most vital to the essential principles of equality of State Governments. But they were told that the reconstruction measures of Congress were for the better government of the rebel States. If the matter were not such a solemn one, that might be received as a caricature, as a bitter and cruel wrong on the conduct of Congress. If it were the duty of Congress to make a Constitution for Alabama, it should make a decent Constitution, one which would be in fact and truth a republican government. But Congress had no such right, and if it should make and force upon Alabama the most popular instrument, it would still not be a Constitution republican in spirit and intent. As to the Constitution now sought to be imposed upon Alabama, if it were republican, then Hamilton himself was the very impersonation of a lover of liberty. Mr. KERR proceeded to criticise in detail the various provisions of the proposed Constitution.

Mr. PAYNE next spoke in advocacy of the bill, replying to some of the objections made by Mr. KERR, particularly as to the charges of gerrymandering and of excluding the votes of three new counties, which Mr. PAYNE showed had been reannexed to the counties from which they had previously been detached. He expressed his belief that not over five thousand white men in Alabama were excluded from registration by the Reconstruction acts, while it was possible that one thousand was the maximum of those who were in fact excluded. The white men of Alabama, who were admitted by the rebels during the war, were permitted to vote, and to exercise full political powers, on condition that they would declare, under oath, that they will not hereafter attempt to deprive the loyal black men of the South of their political powers, and that was spoken of as an atrocious hardship. He looked upon it in no such light. He thought it a favor to those white rebels, that they were allowed to partake of political power at all. It would have been right and just if it had been deemed expedient to withhold absolutely from them all political power: and he could see no justice or propriety in any man charging Congress with injustice, because it said to those rebels that they should not exercise political power unless they swore not to strip it from those men who were loyal during the war, and to whom Congress was in honor bound to extend and perpetuate that right. To the objection that most of the Representatives elected in Alabama were not natives of that State, he reminded the House that more than half of the Representatives of Indiana were natives of other States; that of the sixteen Illinois Representatives only four were born in that State. That the gentleman who made the objection (Mr. BECK) was not a native of the State of Kentucky, which he so ably represented, nor of the American Continent at all, and that his other colleague on the Committee (Mr. BROOKS) was not a native of the State, which he so ably represented. He declared that he was satisfied that he had not the slightest doubt that the Constitution of Alabama met the approval of the majority of the qualified electors of that State, and if he had not been so satisfied he would not vote for the bill.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, at 2:30 o'clock, moved that the House take a recess from 4:30 to 7 o'clock, the vote on the bill to be taken at 7:30 o'clock.

[Expressions of disapproval on both sides of the House.]

The Speaker intimated that this was the last day for legislative action for some time.

Mr. BANKS suggested that the vote be taken now.

The motion of Mr. FARNSWORTH was rejected by a large majority.

Mr. ELDRIDGE then proceeded to address the House in opposition to the bill. He referred to the various movements of Congress against the executive and judicial departments of the Government, and saw in all these movements menaces against the peace and security of the country. There had even been a proposition, he said, which had probably emanated from the usurping Secretary of War, to disband the Capitol Police, and to supplant that force with a military force; and if that proposition had not been noticed and defeated, Congress would have been legislating under the gleam of the sword and the Supreme Court would have been interpreting the laws at the point of the bayonet. He declared that Alabama was a State in the Union, unless the history of the past five years were a lie; unless the war for the suppression of the rebellion was a monstrous crime; unless every man who fought in the war on either side was a conscious traitor. The bill, he said, could be justified by no man not filled with internal hatred of our Government and not desiring its overthrow. It must, it could only end in blood. No man in his senses could expect anything else. The white race had never in the history of the world been subject to the black race. The madness or folly of Congress could never compel the white man to submit to its African domination or government. He was glad that the Reconstruction Committee and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. STEVENS) had had the hardihood to proclaim their revolutionary purpose to build up a mighty nation on the ruins of the old Union. He wished the people of the States which denied universal negro suffrage to take heed and understand that no State shall ever, according to the report of the Reconstruction Committee, be admitted until the right of universal suffrage shall have been made permanent and impossible of violation. He read extracts or speeches made by Mr. COLFAX and by Mr. BINGHAM in the House of Representatives, against enforcing the Lecompton Constitution on the people of Kansas, and applied the sentiments to the case of Alabama. He asked what had caused the most remarkable change in the views and opinions of those gentlemen? Was it the emigration now going on from the States of the South, crushed by military despotism, into the State of Kansas? The course of Congress in this measure would not restore a good government and prosperity to Alabama. No man was more anxious than himself to see the State of Alabama and the other States of the South represented in Congress; but he could not be a party to this bastard Constitution, this negro government. He could not be a party of such an outrage not only on Alabama, but on all the States of the Union. With his views, he could not impose this Constitution on the people of Alabama, if it had been formed by the angels in Heaven, instead of by Congress. The acts of to-day would affect this Republic for centuries for good or for ill. The idea of the white people of Alabama submitting to a constitution thus forced upon them was utterly absurd and preposterous. He had not so mean an opinion of them as to suppose they would submit. They might submit so long as they were in the presence of and overawed by a standing army, and no longer. The time would certainly come when the pride and race and blood would not brook the domination of interior men, when the white people of that State, conscious of the great wrong inflicted on them, and conscious of their God-given strength and their right to be free, would rise and drive into the sea the African ruler placed over them by Congress. In conclusion, he read some more extracts from a speech of Mr. BINGHAM on the Kansas question, only substituting the name of Alabama for that of Kansas, and showed how accurately they applied to the present question.

Mr. WILLIAMS, of Pennsylvania, stated that he should vote against the bill, and as he would be found at variance with many of his own political friends, he desired to give his reasons which had brought him to that conclusion. He did not believe it either essential or wise to compel the people of Alabama to enjoy the privileges of the Union and to share in its government against their will. If there were any considerable number of white men in the South who had any sense of contrition for what they had done beyond that feeling of remorse which swayed the hearts of Satan and his peers, only because their enterprise had failed, he had not seen the evidence of it. He did not believe in compelling those incorrigible delinquents into an association of power with a people whom they hated, and a Government which they had striven to overthrow.

Mr. BINGHAM addressed the House in advocacy of the bill, putting it on the statesmanlike axiom that "if you cannot get all you wish, you should get all you can." He thought, however, that sufficient restrictions had already been imposed on the people of Alabama, and therefore he was opposed to the third section. It was authorized neither by the laws nor the Constitution. It was the right of the people to alter or amend their Constitution, subject only to the Constitution of the United States, and they could not be deprived of that right. The American system would be a total failure if the people could not be trusted with that right. There was no colorable excuse for attempting to engraft such a provision on the statute book. I cannot, he said, shut my eyes to the great fact that this Government was built by white men upon ideas, if not instincts, that were peculiar to the race; that the predominating element is still the same, and that there is no reason to expect that in the long future it will ever put on any other complexion. In saying this, I would not be understood to disparage the political rights of any race that fate or fortune have cast upon our shores, whether it be the docile African, or the other and more turbulent one that comes by ship loads, with its old world ideas and its anti-republican instincts in Church and State, to fill the ranks and feed the wasting reservoir of the so-called American Democracy. We have them both to deal with, as we have had the Spaniard and the Frenchman, and have now the Mexican and the Indian, and, under the new purchase of the President and the Senate, if ratified here—which, God forbid!—the Esquimaux, or mongrels of the Polar Sea, and must do the best we can to incorporate and assimilate, if we can, these heterogenous elements, by educating them into a love of order and a just appreciation of the rights of man. But nobody, I suppose, would think of constructing a durable republican State from either of these materials without a judicious intermixture, a little leaven of favoring, at least, of that high instinct which puts the man above the state, and has, in the progress of ages, evolved stability and jurisprudence from the asserters of individual manhood, and, as a consequence, a just respect for the rights and liberties of all. The negro, as we knew, has just taken off the chains that have shackled his limbs and bound down his higher faculties for more than two hundred years. That he will be able to maintain himself for any considerable time, even by superior numbers, without a considerable amount of support from loyalists with whiter skins, in the presence of the stronger and more sublimated, if not higher ethnic element, I do not believe. When you bring these two races, nay any two races in juxtaposition on terms of equality and rivalry, the weaker will be sure to go to the wall; just as among the white races the Celtic man has always succumbed in the presence of the stronger Teuton, as well on the Continent of Europe as elsewhere. with the white element divided, as in the State of Tennessee, I should have felt no difficulty on this score; but where it is all black on one side and white on the other, I confess to safety. It is not to be for great popularity in this measure. Without inquiring whether an antecedent ratification is such an one as the Constitution requires in case the amendment in question is not already a part of that instrument, as I think it is, it is only necessary to say that the resolution is an idle one. Is there any way of enforcing it? If there be, what is it? Is this demanding State to be expelled, or is its law to be nullified by legislation here? Where will the gentleman find the power to do either? Does it rest on the contract of the Constitution, or on the former? How is that? To confer on Congress a jurisdiction which the Constitution does not give, or to take away from States rights not given or expressly reserved to the States respectively, or to the people? I have no faith in such stipulations; they confess a condition of things which is not yet ripe for unconditional restoration. I do not choose to anticipate by taking such a risk; I prefer to wait until all is at least apparently safe. There will be danger enough even then. It is no easy task to construct a friendly Republican State with hostile elements so formidable so be dealt with.

He is but an apprentice in political science who thinks it can be done either in a hurry or without the cooperation of a clear majority of the people. No good thing, no machine, certainly of a construction so delicate or complex as the organization of a State, was ever perfected in a hurry. We can afford to wait. I warn gentlemen, we cannot afford to commit an error. It was quite inconsistent with what Congress had already done, touching the matter of reconstruction, and he hoped it was inconsistent with all that Congress would hereafter do on that subject. He also opposed the section offered by Mr. STEVENS, imposing conditions on the admission of Alabama into the Union, and he appealed to the House to reject it. The construction of it he declared to be to confer suffrage on women and children. The substitute offered by his colleague (SPAULDING) he characterized as a total departure from the legislation of Congress on the subject. He could not sanction that part of it particularly, which enabled the Legislature to propose amendments to the Constitution and submit them to the people. There was nothing like it in the past history of the country.

Mr. DAWES reminded him that in reference to the admission of Nebraska, Congress had added an amendment to the Constitution, and required the Legislature to accede to it.

Mr. BINGHAM saw no parallelism in the case.

Mr. DAWES asked him to say where the difference lay.

Mr. BINGHAM supposed he had said enough to show the difference.

Mr. DAWES—Does the gentleman decline to be interrupted?

Mr. BINGHAM—I decline to be repeating myself for the accommodation of the gentleman. The difference, however, is perfectly manifest. I have said before, and I do not intend to be diverted from it, that for myself I hold that no fundamental condition can be imposed on the restoration of any State into the Union, or the admission of any State in the Union, which does not stand within the limitations and conditions of the Federal Constitution. Mr. BINGHAM then proceeded to advocate the passage of the bill, with the third section struck out, and predicted that members who voted for it would find themselves sustained by their constituents, and sustained in the hereafter by the action of the people of Alabama themselves. Referring to Mr. ELDRIDGE'S paraphrase of the speeches of himself and the Speaker on the Kansas question, he said he had undertaken to mutilate those speeches, that the Lecompton Constitution had never emanated from the people of Kansas, that it contained the blasphemy that the ownership of slaves is higher than the Constitution and the law, and that it should never be amended so as to affect the ownership of property in slaves. The cases of Alabama and Kansas were as wide apart as the poles, as the two points of the universe—heaven and hell.

Mr. DAWES said he would be very glad to vote for the bill as it came from the Committee, either with or without the third section if he could see in it any guarantee of security to the people of Alabama. He had wanted to hear the gentleman from Ohio (BINGHAM) on some doubts which he entertained, but he regretted that that gentleman seemed so satisfied with his own ideas that he was disposed to proclaim them as the *lex scripta* of this House, and to permit no man to get behind them as conclusive evidence of what the House should do. The proposition of the gentleman's colleague (SPAULDING) secured to the people of Alabama everything secured to them by the original bill, except one thing, and that was representation in Congress. The theory on which all the legislation went was, the moment representation was secured in the House and Senate, the State passed from under the control of Congress; and that whatever the State might do afterwards could no more be enforced within Alabama than it could be in Massachusetts. It was proposed by the substitute offered by the gentleman from Ohio (SPALDING) to legislate so that every thing which the Constitution of Alabama secured to the people should be secured to them, except representation in the two branches. He confessed that he had undergone some change of view in the year, that he had been here, touching the idea of representation in these two branches, he had in times past struggled to secure representation even to single districts, as the armies of the United States cleared out the rebellious element; but he was satisfied now that instead of representation in Congress being the first thing, it should be the last thing. The State should be first built up; individual and personal rights secured; in edamage wrought by the rebellion repaired, and stability and security made certain. Representation should follow and grow out of that security, and not be the means of bringing about the security itself. It should be the last thing, and not the first.

Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, rose at the Clerk's desk and said: Mr. Speaker: I desire to say a few words in reference to the condition of this bill. Some time ago Congress passed an act authorizing Alabama and other waste territories of the United States to form Constitutions, if possible, so as to make them fit to associate with civilized communities. It gave them a certain length of time for the purpose of doing so. It was provided, whether wisely or unwisely it is not for me to say that the State of Alabama and the other States, after having all their voters registered, should require a majority of all the registered voters to adopt such Constitutions. Unfortunately, Alabama did not find a majority to come up to the law which had been passed. It failed of that majority by a considerable number. The House had seen this difficulty before it finally happened, and had passed an act giving power to these States to act with a bare majority, according to our majority principle. The Senate now—and hence arises all our troubles—with a wisdom which has characterized it far above this House, in many just such disastrous issues, let that bill lie upon the table over two months, although urged to take it up and pass it before the vote of Alabama took place. That vote took place, and only a minority of the registered voters voted for the Constitution. Hence it is that we are now called upon either to reject this State or to violate our own enabling act, which allowed it to enter upon certain conditions. There is nothing that prevents us from violating that act, if we deem it prudent. I am often reminded by gentlemen around me, some very wise and some otherwise, [laughter,] that I have said more than once that all this is outside of the Constitution. He is other-wise who thinks that that assertion is not true. [Laughter among the Democrats.] This very proceeding shows that this House believes that it is acting, not according to the forms of the Constitution, which found no such cases of lapsed territory to be formed into communities and brought into the nation, When West Virginia was introduced, and I first made that declaration, it was admitted by a majority of the House on the ground that it had gone through with the forms of the Constitution in acquiring the consent of both States, while one had ceased to exist long before, and the other one existed in Ohio [Laughter] and I voted for the admission of that State. But I was not going to make either a fool or a knave of myself, and to say that I voted for it under the Constitution, or that I did not know what I was voting for. I held then as I hold now, that having conquered that territory from another power, a power recognized as an independent belligerent by all the sovereign nations of the earth, by ourselves as well as others, we had a right to treat it as such, and to take it in or keep it out as we pleased. I said then that the Constitution had nothing to do with it; but I would inform my learned friends from the bushes [laughter] that while I speak of being outside of the Constitution, I do not mean that the Constitution does not recognize the law of nations. It does recognize the law of nations, and the law of nations recognizes the right of the conquering power to do with conquered territory just as it pleases. I trust I shall hear nothing more after this explanation from my most obfuscated friends who have often seemed so ignorant of what I meant or of what they were talking about. [Laughter.] Now, Mr. Speaker, what are we to say with reference to Alabama? I confess to you that I am not altogether clear as to what we ought to do. As a just and wise Body we have power under the Constitution to admit new States, whether made out of fragments of a Confederacy or out of fragments of a foreign nation, or by any other process when we come to agree with these States. I hold more: That when you come to admit new States you can admit them on just such terms as may be agreed upon. They are parties capable of contracting, capable of proposing and of consenting, and until they have lost that power of consent by having become

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CURIOUS LITERATURE.

WITHOUT THE CHILDREN.

O the weary, solemn silence
O the house without the children!
O the strange, oppressive stillness
Where the children once were!

Ah! where the footsteps and the voices
Of the sleepers
Keeping through the opening door
Rose gone to overcome!

Strange it is so sweet at midnight
And the hour the children creaking.
Nothing but the old clock ticking.
Ticking, ticking by the door.

Strange to see the little dresses
Hanging the gallery!—ah! their pulses,
We needed, for all Death had been a baker,
To make small loaf to help him by setting up a little with a few pounds I had saved before
we were married.

It was only amusement to me, WILL being so much away; and when my elder sister died, and left me her orphan daughter to care for, I was glad that I had the chance to do it, without calling on poor Will for more means to wish.

My niece's name was Jane Lewis. She was a good, robust girl, not a great help to me. She married, but as it was living in the old room—try still; but as it was owning a home that we got to do but the shop. We had a good many customers, and then the debts left to us by my own, and after the trouble grew very heavy, ventured out to market.

The second went abroad, in the hope of finding young workmen, and died of a fever in some foreign place, leaving the youngest, a boy, to be brought home. About two years ago he came back to us, and is now a steady lad, and has been with his father.

"Get Captain Riley" and let me have some of the money brought Nelly back, and tried to keep them together; but it came out before long that she was crazy; and when people heard strange things of the dead to avoid the house, and it was the Nelly Death in her madness. Lament-ing over the desolation her folly had brought.

Poor thing! It was a bitter penance to suffer doing, and many a long, year she paid it, tramping and mourning away her poor withered life behind the barred windows of her unhappy home.

The youngest boy was like his mother in looks; and they must have been alike in nature too; for as soon as Jane grew old enough to understand his family's misfortunes, she turned and shrunk from them, and was soon gone down-talk. Old Lady Wyndham, and a grandson, Jane Lewis, and no one was soon courted an encounter with whatever power it was that was at work to our annoyance.

"It is some holy duty," said Jenny; "but we won't mind them, will we? Well just say our prayers and be good ourselves, and then nothing can worry us or dis-turb us."

Poor Jenny was frightened; I could see that she was trembling. Her face was white as her apron, and her eyes were large and dark, and she looked up, expecting to see her, book in her hand.

"Somebody's knocking; don't you hear, Jenny?"

I don't know what I expected to see, but I do know that I was making my own account; it was that was at work to our annoyance.

Then a almost afraid to take. If I had it in grew a five years, and then the place was empty, just after supper. The two boys, Jenny and I were living over the Winter-weather. Besides the double glass-doors, which were open, but the room and two cellars, and there were a few lodgers, for the house open and down into the hall, and then came the staircase. Jane was a quiet, important girl; it may be by myself, but I kept to myself. I did not want to frighten her again with the subject, so I kept it to myself.

"It must be something that has passed a moment before."

Jane pulled up the clothes and looked up, expecting to see her.

"Somebody's knocking; don't you hear, Jenny?"

"It is some boy trying to bother us," said Jenny; "but we won't mind them, will we? Well just say our prayers and be good ourselves, and then nothing can worry us or disturb us."

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'Certainly,' I replied, 'but I have seen their equals in France.' 'You really think so?' 'I am sure of it.' 'You may perhaps be mistaken.' 'By no means; I grant you that these children are in a fair way; but, apart from their pronunciation, which is quite remarkable, I repeat that we have pupils just as far advanced as they in most of our primary schools.' 'But yours speak and understand?' 'Just like these.' 'No, for these were born deaf and dumb.' 'Impossible.' 'It is the exact truth. Come, now, there is one with his back turned to us; address him, and see if he will answer.' 'My little friend,' said I, in a very loud voice, 'I have here a delicious cake; will you have it?' The child did not turn round—he had heard nothing. I remained confounded, and more moved than I can express at the sight of these poor disinherited children of nature, to whom the sagacious benevolence of one man had almost restored the two senses."

TWO ROSEBUDS.

From the Evening Post.

The leaves of this old book inclose
The remnants of a withered rose
That once was whiter than the snows.

It nestled in a maiden's hair,
The choicest gem that she could wear,
So young, so happy, and so fair.

I, in a loving, childish way,
Did cherish it, and fondly lay
It where it still is sweet to-day;

That it should sanctify the place,
In memory brightened by the grace
That lingered on my playmate's face;

And kindle in my heart a glow
That years to come should seldom know,
At memory of the long ago!

But dreamed not that a future year
Should see another rosebud near
The one that long had slumbered here.

Yet now I place them side by side:
One with the stain of years is dyed;
From one the dew is scarcely dried.

She wore one in her childhood's mirth;
And one to-day, when from her hearth
They bore her to the silent earth.

WILLARD BARTLETT.

HOFFMAN HOUSE, February, 1868.

THE STORY OF THE VENGEUR.—Every one has heard of the sinking of the *Vengeur*, one of the most melodramatic episodes of the revolutionary epoch as we find it described in the famous "Rapport du 21st Messidor" of BARRERE, and in the spirit-stirring stanzas of CHENIER and LE BRUN. According to these versions, the *Vengeur*, when disabled, and indeed in a sinking state, refused to surrender, but continued to return the English fire from her main-deck guns when her lower decks were completely under water, and just as she was settling down sent aloft all her tricolor streamers, fired a parting volley, and gallantly went to the bottom with her crew serenely shouting "*Vive la République.*" Thirty years ago CARLYLE exposed this horrible fable, which he maintained had been invented by BARRERE to reconcile the French people with the disastrous news of Lord HOWE's great victory off Brest on the famous 1st of June, and subsequently M. A. JAL, historiographer of the French Navy, honorably came forward and set the question, one would have thought, finally at rest by printing from the French naval archives the official dispatch of the Captain of the *Vengeur*, which, in describing the sinking of his ship, made no mention whatever of the foregoing attendant melodramatic circumstances. The true state of the case appears to have been this: The *Vengeur*, before sinking, had struck her last flag to H. M. S. *Orion*, and nearly if not quite all her crew had been removed ont of her by English ships' boats, some half hour previously to her going down, at which moment there was neither gun fired nor flag flying, nor a single shout of "*Vive la République*," to be heard; but her Captain, who was reported to have perished with the entire crew, was quietly dining off cold mutton pie in the cabin of H. M. S. *Culloden*. Spite of this refutation of a remarkable historical fable, our French neighbors are not disposed to give up their belief in the "*glorieuse affaire du Vengeur*, and for months past the Theatre du Chatelet has been occupied with the preparation of a grand spectacular melodrama, the final tableaux of which represents the incident of the sinking ship with all the before-mentioned exciting accessories. Owing, however, to the action of the piece being laid in the first Republic, when republican songs, airs, sentiments and emblems mixed themselves up in one form or another in every phase of life, the authors have found much difficulty in conforming with the requirements of the official censor, who forbade the procession of the Statue of the Goddess of Liberty and the performance of the "Marseillaise" and "Ca Ira," and declared emphatically that shouts of "*Vive la République*" should never be heard on the boards of a French theatre. For weeks past negotiations have been going on between the authors of the piece and the manager of the Chatelet and the censor, who finally decided that in place of the Goddess of Liberty a statue of Ceres was to be carried in triumph; that in lieu of dancing the "Carmagnole" they might dance the "Cancan" if they thought proper, and instead of the crew of the sinking ship in the final tableau shouting "*Vive la République*," and the orchestra striking up the "Marseillaise," they were to shout "Vive l'Empereur," and the band was to play "Partant pour la Syrie." When it was pointed out to the exacting official that the foregoing suggestions involved positive anachronisms, as there was neither Emperor nor Queen HORTENSE at that period, he consented that the crew should shout "Vive la France," and the orchestra play the "Chapeau de Marguerite," or any other non-political air. Eventually the authors appealed to Marshal VAILLANT and obtained his permission for the crew of the *Vengeur* to go down with the sinking ship shouting "*Vive la République.*" This concession on the part of the Minister has excited some surprise in Paris, where, it must be remembered, it is a crime punishable with fifteen days' imprisonment to shout "*Vive la Pologne*" or "*Vive Garibaldi.*"—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

A FRENCH ESTIMATE OF THE SCOTCH SOLDIER.—A writer on the British Army, in the *Moniteur de Soir*, speaks as follows of the Scotch soldier: "The Scotch soldiers form, without contradiction, the cream of the British troops. The Highlander is the prototype of the excellent soldier. He has all requisite qualities, and not one defect. Unluckily for Great Britam, the population of Scotland is not numerous. Saving, it is true, to the point of putting by penny after penny, the Scotchman, for all that, is honest, steadfast, amiable in his intercourse with others, enthusiastic, and proud; chivalrous when the question is about shedding his blood. The old traditions of clanship subsist; each company is grouped round an illustrious name, all and every man in it is sure to be the Captain's cousin. The Highlanders have a strange sort of bravery, which partakes at once of French fire and English calm. They rush on with impetuosity; they charge with vigor, but they are not hurried away by anger. In the very hottest moment of an attack, a simple order suffices to stop them. Formed in a square, one would take them for Englishmen; in charging with the bayonet, you would swear they were French. For the rest they are of Celtic origin, and the blood of our fathers flows in their veins; but the blood has a little cooled down by the severity of their climate. In the eyes of the Turks the Scotch had one enormous fault, that of showing their legs. In our eyes they have but one defect, a slight one, but still excessively annoying—their depraved taste for the screaming of the bagpipes. We know that the Highlanders would not get under fire without being excited by their national airs, played on this discordant instrument. One of their Generals having put down this piercing music, they attacked the enemy on one occasion so languidly that the bagpipes had to be restored to them, and they then took the position. In a word, we repeat the Scotch are magnincent soldiers."

THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S VISIT TO ANTWERP.—The whole road from Bergen-op-Zoom to Antwerp was a scene of the greatest gaiety, "the bees had expelled the bear that broke upon their hive." "Orange Boven!" was shouted everywhere; the bluff burghers were puffing freedom out of their short tobacco-pipes. On the 10th the duke arrived at Antwerp. As he was in plain clothes, he was not immediately recognized; but the moment he was known he was very much cheered, especially by the English. His grace shook hands most cordially with many of his fair countrywomen. On the 11th he visited the dockyard and arsenal; and about 1 o'clock, having previously seen the Cathedral, set out for Brussels. It was a most gratifying sight to see the young and gallant Prince of Orange, afterwards King of Holland, who had served in the Peninsula as *aide-de-camp* to the great duke, welcome his former chief to the country to which he had been so lately restored. The Prince, whose Christian name was WILLIAM, was, from his slim figure nicknamed "Slender Billy." He was aware of this, for one day Lord FITZROY SOMERSET, not knowing that he was present, said: "Where is Slender Billy to-day?" "Here I am, FITZROY," responded the Prince, "and shall be delighted to drink a glass of wine with you." There was something peculiarly delightful in His Royal Highness' manner; his strict attention to military duties endeared him to his chief, while his affability and good humor made him truly popular with his brother officers. Many a page might be filled, showing the mutability of human affairs in the person of WILLIAM of Holland. His early death closed a career chequered with disappointment—first, in finding himself supplanted in the affections of his lady love, "the fair-haired daughter of the Isles," the late Princess CHARLOTTE of Wales; and secondly, by the loss of a portion of his dominions by the same successful rival, the late King of the Belgians. But I will not dwell more upon the history of the illustrious dead; suffice it to say, the King of Holland was a brave soldier, as his war services in the Peninsula and Waterloo campaigne bear ample witness.—*Lord William Lennox, in "The Quiver."*

ELECTRICITY ON MOUNTAINS.—M. HENRY DE SAUSSURE has published an interesting paper in the *Bibliothèque Universelle*, on a phenomenon which has but recently attracted attention. Having reached the summit of the Piz Surley, a mountain composed of crystalline rocks, in the Grisons, and 3,200 metres in elevation, M. DE SAUSERRE and his party laid their alpenstocks against a little cairn of dry stones which crowns the summit, and prepared to take their repast. Almost at the same instant the narrator felt at his back, in the left shoulder, an acute pain like that produced by a pin slightly pressed into the flesh, and when he put his hand to the spot without finding anything, a similar pain was felt in the right shoulder. Supposing his overcoat to contain pins, he took it off, but the pains increased, extending from one shoulder to the other across the whole back. They were accompanied by pricking sensations and sharp, shooting pains, such as a wasp crawling over the skin, and stinging all the time, might produce. The pain next assumed the character of a burn, and M. DE SAUSSURE actually fancied that his flannel waistcoat had caught fire, and was about to throw off the rest of his clothes, when his attention was arrested by a sound reminding him of the reverberations of a tuning-fork. These sounds came from the sticks which, resting against the cairn, sang loudly, emitting a sound like that of a kettle the water of which is about to boil. All this lasted about four or five minutes. M. DE SAUSSURE at once guessed that his sensations proceeded from a flow of electricity taking place from the summit of the mountain. No spark, however, was obtained from the sticks; they vibrated strongly in the hand, and sounded very loud. Some minutes afterward he felt his hair and beard stand out, causing him to feel the sensation resulting from a razor passed dry over the bristles. A young Frenchman, who was of the party, cried out that he felt the hair of his moustache growing, and that strong currents were flowing from the tips of his ears; and they soon flowed from all parts of the bodies of those present. As they descended the mountain the humming of the sticks and the other phenomena diminished and eventually ceased. The sky was cloudy, and the travelers had been overtaken at the time by a shower of thin hail and sleet. On the same day a violent storm broke out in the Bernese Alps, where an English woman was killed. Sleet, frost and an overcast sky appear to be the conditions necessary for the production of the phenomena above described. Many of the guides have never observed them, and others recollect having remarked them once or twice in their lives.

TURTLE AND TURTLE EATERS.—The poor turtle itself, like its eggs, does not escape man's digestive organs. At the beginning of the last century turtle was eaten only by the very poor in Jamaica; now, however, calipash, calipee and green fat are delicacies known only to the rich. Considerable cunning is required in hunting both the turtle and the guana. The guana is hunted with dogs; and when taken alive its mouth must be sewed up to prevent its biting. It has been known to live a month and even six weeks without food. The turtle is watched when it comes on shore at night, and merely tumbled over on its back, where it lies helpless until its captors have time to knock it on the head and carry it off. A soft-shelled turtle, abounding in the bayous of Louisiana, is much prized as a table delicacy. It is particularly hard to catch, but when sunning itself on a log at the water side is often a fair shot for a rifle. However, when shot, it is unluckily prone to tumble into the water, and make its escape even in death. But man's stomach is not to be disappointed; consequently, his ingenuity must be pressed into its service. To prevent the prey escaping, the following satisfactory plan has been devised by an ingenious epicure:—A piece of wood one inch long was cut, and so rounded as easily to fit into the tube of his rifle. To this a piece of stout twine seven or eight inches long was secured, the other end of which was run through a rifle-ball. The ball was then inserted in its place, the string and piece of wood followed, and all was ready for the turtle. Getting a fair shot, the ball pierced the turtle through, and entered the log on which it was lying, where it stuck. The string and "toggle" held the astonished beast firmly until his enemy should come in a canoe and make good his capture.—*Cassel's Magazine.*

WALTER SCOTT AND JAMES HOGG.—Another of SCOTT's assistants was JAMES HOGG, the Ettrick shepherd, a genius without conduct, whom everybody admired in his writings, but whom nobody could serve. HOGG knew, or affected to know, every ballad that was ever sung and every story that was ever told on the Scottish border. He was exceedingly adroit likewise in filling up blanks, and supplying sometimes a head and sometimes a tail piece, just as it was wanted. SCOTT did his best to serve him also, but failed. HOGG could not manage his own affairs, yet was forever urgent to be allowed to manage the affairs of others. He was to his employer—if we may so speak of SCOTT—alternately obsequious, ridiculous and insolent. Take, for example, LOCKHART's account of the shepherd's first dinner with SCOTT:

"When HOGG entered the drawing-room, Mrs. SCOTT, being at the time in a delicate state of health, was reclining on a sofa. The Shepherd, after being presented and making his best bow, forthwith took possession of another sofa placed opposite to hers, and stretched himself thereupon at all his length; for, as he said afterward, 'I thought I could never do wrong to copy the lady of the house.' As his dress at this period was precisely that in which any ordinary herdsman attends cattle to the market, and as his hands, moreover, bore most legible marks of a recent sheep-smearing, the lady of the house did not observe with perfect equanimity the novel usage to which her chintz was exposed. The Shepherd, however, remarked nothing of all this—dined heartily and drank freely, and by jest, anecdote and song, afforded plentiful merriment to the more civilized part of the company. As the liquor operated, his familiarity increased and strengthened; from 'Mr. SCOTT,' he advanced to 'Sherra,' and thence to 'SCOTT,' 'WALTER,' and 'Wattie,' until at supper he fairly convulsed the whole party by addressing Mrs. SCOTT as 'CHARLOTTE.'

Poor HOGG had all the elements of a poet about him, and his "Kilmeny" may compare with any story of the kind in the language. But how was it possible essentially to serve a man who was always asking, always misspending what he got, and withal so touchy as to address to his benefactor, who had somehow offended him, a letter which began "D—d sir," and ended "Yours with disgust"?—*London Quarterly Review.*

SLEIGH-RIDING.—Sleigh-riding by moonlight—an amusement indulged in round about every trans-Atlantic town on bright wintry nights—is very "jolly," and also very romantic. The romance, however, is most telling when a good supper of turkey, stewed oysters, chicken salad and "hot whisky skins" has been scientifically prepared at a convenient halfway house. In conclusion, I may remark that I am prepared to take affidavit before any court or commissioners appointed for such a purpose to this effect: That I never passed a sleigh on any American road in which a lady and gentleman were seated, without somebody having his or her arm around somebody else's waist. Sleighing is dreadfully dangerous, they say, unless such precautions be adopted. I never rode out in a sleigh with a lady myself. How many things there are which we might all be sorry for.—*Sala, in Broadway for April.*

LADY TALKERS.—The descriptive powers, again, of women, are very great; and here I am not speaking of descriptions of scenery or places, of mountains, lakes and rivers, or of old towns in Rhine-land, with quaint houses and picturesque churches in every street. I speak rather of things encountered and experiences passed through in the course of an ordinary day. A lady who has this gift of the seeing eye will describe a morning spent in making purchases, or an afternoon's visit to her banker's, and will have observed enough queer things during her progress to make good table-talk at the close of the day. She has noted the elderly spinster—member of a predatory tribe whose numbers are something alarming—making her rounds among the sugar-plums and preserved fruits at Messrs. Fortnum & Mason's, and dipping into the different receptacles systematically. She has watched the agonies of a furnishing party choosing carpets at Shoolbred's, having no settled opinions of their own, and depending altogether on the judgment of the young man who exhibited the "goods." She has observed the bridegroom of tender years being victimized by his wife and mother-in-law at Marshall and Snelgrove's, and kept in good humor by perpetual appeals to his "excellent taste," both on the part of the ladies themselves and also of the young person who does the trying-on. All this she will tell of with a keen perception of point, narrating finally how she paid a visit to her banker's, how she had an interview with "the house," and how "the house," in seeing her to her carriage, pointed out a lady in the outer office, getting money for a check, and whispered, "Beautiful forever—Mme. R—— herself," of whom some amount of description probably follows.—*Cornhill Magazine for March.*

THE WIDOW CABOCHARD.—It is well known that at the Père la Chaise Cemetery, near Paris, there stands in a conspicuous position a splendid monument to PIERRE CABOCHARD, grocer, with a pathetic inscription which closes thus:

"His inconsolable widow
dedicates this monument to his memory,
and continues the same business at the
old stand, 167 Rue Mouffetard."

Now a Parisian paper relates that a short time ago, a gentleman who had noticed the above inscription was led by curiosity to call at the address indicated. Having expressed his desire to see the Widow CABOCHARD, he was immediately ushered into the presence of a fashionably dressed and full-bearded man, who asked what was the object of his visit.

"I came to see the Widow CABOCHARD, Sir."

"Well, sir, here she is."

"I beg pardon, but I wish to see the lady in person."

"Sir, I am the Widow Cabochard."

"I don't exactly understand you. I allude to the relict of the late Pierre Cabochard, whose monument I saw yesterday at the "Pere la Chaise."

"I see, I see," was the smiling rejoinder. "Allow me to inform you that Pierre Cabochard is a myth, and therefore never had a wife. The tomb you admired cost me a good deal of money, and, although no one is buried there, it proves a first-rate advertisement. and I have had no cause to regret the expense. Now, sir, what can I sell you in the way of groceries?"

The above story belongs to the class of which the Italians are in the habit of saying, "*Se non è vero, è ben trovato.*"—*Lippincott's Magazine.*

AN OLD PEOPLE'S GYMNASIUM.—Concerts and operas to aged music-lovers, especially if echoing the beloved old music, would fall like the sound of spring rain upon withered hearts. Give the amateur, with his fading sight, the best possible glasses, suited to his needs, and the best light in the art gallery; let youth stand aside and be patient, if need be, while he monopolizes the best picture. A whole hour spent by some half-blind old grandmother in looking at one painting will make her heart younger for all her remaining years. We shall be old some day, and then will come our turn for these noblest courtesies of life. If anybody should go to the theatre, it is the superannuated,—not every night or every week, doubtless, but half a dozen times a year, more or less, as circumstances incline. All work and no play is not worse for seven than it is for seventy.

Social stimulus is always a great quickener; but if nature desires to recreate itself in genuine freedom, it must be in the society of its equals. If you could bring a dozen very old people together to play and be merry, and could make them all cordially believe in this as right and proper, as eminently to be desired, and as the only wholesome tonic for dignified and respectable men and women of three score and ten, you would inaugurate a new era. Christmas plays, with all the young folks present, can never have a tithe of the relish which these old people's carnivals, freely dedicated to health and merriment, might easily command. A whittling club for the dear old Yankee octogenarians would be no bad idea. They could hardly play at cricket or base-ball; but it would do my soul good to see an old people's gymnasium established—nobody admitted under seventy-five. I can see how quickened pride would straighten crooked backs, how good-fellowship would lubricate dry joints, and how jovial laughter would fatten thin ribs. Generous emulation would make the old people swing on their parallel bars, climb dizzying ladders, dance Virginia reels, and almost stand on their heads and turn somersets, as they used to seventy years ago. In these days when "muscle is looking up," the gymnast should certainly turn his attention to the aches and rheumatisms of the suffering grandparents. He can do them more good than all the doctors, if he will but prescribe wisely and in moderation. His cures would be little short of miraculous; but before some dear old conservatives of our acquaintance follow his advice, I suppose we shall all be in the millenium. Exercise is all very well for growing boys and sturdy men, but it is absolutely indispensable to the health and happiness of all old people and invalids. Graduate it with the nicest skill and discretion, but, in the name of humanity, do insist that every old person shall keep the free use of his muscles, and be able to war successfully against gout and palsy.—*Atlantic Monthly for April.*

A MOURNFUL DITTY.—A Paris letter in the London *Examiner* says: "As for music, it is becoming one of the necessities of life, not only in Paris but all over France. People are dividing into classes of opinon; enthusiasts of GLUCK and GRETRY, of quatuors, of the ancient music at PASDELOUP's concerts, and of the air of the 'Atmospheric Lobster' in the famous quadrille of the Œil Crevé. There are fanatics of MOZART, of ROSSINI and AUBER, of 'Ay! Chiquita' and the 'Chanson du Fortunio,' and even of the harrowing ballads moaned by young ladies at evening parties. Perhaps indeed the last-named peculiar form of music is for the moment the one most generally spread about; we all have heard sung a hundred times the same mournful story of some perfect creature who loved, and straightway died. VILLEMOT has already attacked this sort of literature in the admirable caricature of it which he published the other day:

They loved;
Her eyes were stars;
Her hair was her own;
She was an angel, and had wings, and the birds called her 'my sister;'
She could read, write and calculate; she painted and played the harp;
And she died!

If some enterprising composer would but set these words to music what a success he would attain, and what a service he would render to society."

A BRAVE DUTCH ADMIRAL.—Left to himself, alone in a dismasted ship, the Vice-Admiral never thought of yielding to the eighteen Spanish galleons. To the repeated summons of Don LUIS FAZARDO that he should surrender he remained obstinately deaf. Knowing that it was impossible for him to escape, and fearing that he might blow up his vessel rather than surrender, the enemy made no attempt to board. Spanish chivalry was hardly more conspicuous on this occasion than Dutch valor, as illustrated by Admiral HAULTAIN. Two whole days and nights KLAASZOON drifted about in his crippled ship, exchanging broadsides with his antagonists, and with his colors flying on the stump of his mast. The fact would seem incredible were it not attested by perfectly trustworthy contemporary accounts. At last his hour seemed to have come. His ship was sinking; a final demand for surrender, with promise of quarter, was made. Out of his whole crew but sixty remained alive, many of them badly wounded. He quietly announced to his officers and men his decision never to surrender, in which all concurred. They knelt together upon the deck and the Admiral made a prayer, in which all fervently joined. With his own hand KLAASZOON then lighted the powder magazine, and the ship was blown into the air. Two sailors, all that were left alive, were picked out of the sea by the Spaniards and brought on board one of the vessels of the fleet. Desperately mutilated, those grim Dutchmen lived a few minutes to tell the tale, and then died defiant on the enemy's deck. —*Motley's History of the Netherlands, Vol. IV.*

Wonderful Escape from Drowning.

The Fall River (Mass.) *News* gives the annexed particulars of a very remarkable escape from drowning:

"On Friday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nichols and Mrs. Appleton Hubbard of Cambridge, in a carriage, drawn by a horse, drove on to the ferry-boat at Slade's Ferry to cross to Fall River. The horse being frightened, Mr. Nichols left the carriage and stood by the animal's head; but when about half way over the river the horse reared, leaped over the chain, and precipitated himself, the carriage and the entire party into the water. The boat passed over them, smashing the top of the carriage, but doing no serious damage to Mr. NICHOLS or the ladies. Mrs. HUBBARD was rescued by one of the boat hands looking to her clothes as she came up at the rear of the boat and sustaining her till the boat reached the slip, when a rope was fastened about her and she was drawn on board. The Captain, in a row boat, then went to the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. NICHOLS and rescued them. The latter suffered from a severe contusion on the forehead and other contusions about the head. Their escape is certainly almost miraculous. The horse freed himself from the carriage, swam ashore and was soon caught and stabled."

SWINBURNE'S WILLIAM BLAKE.

A late *Saturday Review*, (Feb. 1,) undertakes to slaughter this book without remorse, pouring upon it every term of objurgation, invective and contempt. But the work is not to be so dismissed. Its beautifully printed pages are worthy of careful reading, and even study. Its theories of the poetic art will perhaps never be popular, nor perhaps deserve to be; but there is something to say on that side. It is a side whose presentation, we notice, singularly irritates and sets in a raging fever all the good old stereotyped orthodox reviewers; but it is probable that, without allowing it some weight, there can never be catholic and complete criticism.

BLAKE fills quite an ample stretch of time, having lived seventy years. He was born in London in 1757, and died there in 1827. His father was a hosier. He began to have visions at the age of eight or ten. He was apprenticed to the trade of an engraver. While yet in his teens he composed a book of Poetical Sketches, which was published. He was early praised by CHARLES LAMB. Some of his pieces even at that period are fine. He fell under Ossianic influences. The effect of SHAKESPEARE's sonnets is also perceptible.

"My lord was like a flower upon the brows
Of lusty May: ah, life as frail as flower!
My lord was like a star in highest heaven,
Drawn down to earth by spells and wickedness:
My lord was like the opening eye of day;
But he is darkened; like the Summer moon,
Clouded; fallen like the stately tree, cut down:
The breath of heaven dwelt among these leaves."

This charming bit is, however, in no sense a sample of the poet as he afterward wrote, and now remains. He was a young man at the time of the American revolution. In 1782 he married. This marriage was a more important event even than usual; it founded for him a union which lasted forty-five years, with "the most perfect wife on record." The last thing he did, when on his dying bed, was to draw her portrait.

The fame of WILLIAM BLAKE, even as poet, depends, it would seem, not so much on his literary compositions as upon his sketches, paintings, plates and engravings. The idea or meaning of his works, as a whole, if they may be said to have such an idea or meaning, is so vague that we will not attempt to define it here. "He was born and baptized into the church of the rebels," says Mr. SWINBURNE. Again: "The names of LOCKE, NEWTON, BACON and VOLTAIRE recur with significance in his writings as emblems, or incarnate symbols, of *the principles opposite to his own.*" We are compelled to restrict our article to such mere hints of the essential nature of this artist. Any curious student of the man must peruse the present essay and the previous memoir by GILCHRIST. In the meantime, a sketch collated from SWINBURNE may prove interesting.

The twenty or twenty-five years of BLAKE's life following his marriage are full of business. He designs, engraves, writes, paints, publishes; produces "Songs of Innocence and Experience," and in due time, strange "Prophetic Books;" has relations with FUSELI, FLAXMAN and TOM PAINE; is a red, a radical of those days; works away at illustrations, comic, tragic, romantic; often flashes up to highest power and beauty, as in the "Departing Soul;" makes his famous drawings, burlesque or serious, of "Visionary Heads;" crops out in the queerest humor, drawing the "Ghost of a Flea" and "The Man who Built the Pyramids;" illustrates BLAIR, the Book of Job, DANTE; collects his pictures and exhibits them, some being hardly proper for the squeamish public eye, while others are of first-class excellence, though peculiar, as the "Canterbury Pilgrims" and "Ancient Britons." The newspapers, in their notices, call him "an unfortunate lunatic, whose personal inoffensiveness secures him from confinement." He also freely poetizes; his characters have a "monstrous nomenclature;" he calls them, for instance, *Los, Enitharmon, Theotormon*, and *Oothoon*. Practically, he gets into many snarls and business and other troubles; sues people for theft and swindling, and is tried himself on a trumpery charge of sedition and assault—gets alienated from his old friends, but finds new ones—is viewed askance from official heights with suspicion and something worse; "all he ever got from Government was the risk of hanging." The old anecdote of him and his wife playing Adam and Eve in the garden is proved by Mr. SWINBURNE to be, beyond doubt, a *canard*; but BLAKE remains an odd enough personage from decorous English points of view. He was, it is quite certain, a simple, hearty, irascible, honest man of genius, with a strong dash of the mystic and a born visionary. "To him, all symbolic things were literal, all literal things symbolic. Spirits imprisoned in the husk or shell of earth, consoled or menaced him. Under the rank raiment of weeds, in the drifting down of thistles, strange faces frowned and white hair fluttered."

Physionomically, as he descends to us, he shows a brilliant eager old face, keen and gentle, with a preponderance of brow and head; clear, bird-like eyes and excitedable mouth, with a look of nervous and fluent power—a being largely formed of mist and fire. His talk was eager and eloquent, and he was about the hardest worker of his time. "Fervent, incessant action was to him as the breath of every moment, the bread of every day."

In his designs and verses the ideas are weird, and often arise as if from dreams of the Book of Revelations. He is a tremendous egotist; thinks himself just as good as the great masters. He is truly charitable and generous, gives what money he has, lodges the student and the pilgrim, and champions the oppressed. When his friends are critically attacked he rushes into print, (1806,) with "Letters to the Editor." Much of his work is "wanting in executive quality, and even in decent coherence and verbal dress." But his long and active career, in the main obscure, draws at last to a close. "The latest chapter's of BLAKE's life are perhaps the noblest," says Mr. SWINBURNE. The drama had been one through which poverty and neglected labor had borne a heavy part. The closing scene, though in keeping, was not without enthansasy. We defy any one to read the simple account of the old artist's death, on page No. 82 of Mr. SWINBURNE's Essay, without being deeply, most deeply moved. Four years after BLAKE's decease, his wife, following, was buried (1831) beside him; but where those graves positively stand is now unknown. Strange to tell, they have been officially obliterated!

The preceding sketch is derived from the first part of Mr. SWINBURNE's volume. Then follows a second part, called "Lyrical Poems," and then a third, called "Prophetic Books." Our space forbids any exploration of, or even entrance upon, these last two fields.

But American readers will accept with gratified curiosity the following reprint of something that Mr. SWINBURNE reserves for his conclusion, and which seems to be intended by him as a sort of riviting and enforcement of his essay. It consists of two or three very carefully elaborated pages, in which he institutes a comparison, or rather analogy, between the past and gone poet, BLAKE, and our living WALT WHITMAN, as artists and men. Though of some length, we extract the passage entire:

"I can remember one poet only whose work seems to me the same or similar in kind; a poet as vast in aim, as daring in detail, as unlike others, as coherent to himself, as strange without, and as sane within. The points of contact and sides of likeness between WILLIAM BLAKE and WALT WHITMAN are so many and so large, as to afford some ground of reason to those who preach the transition of souls, or transfusion of spirits. The great American is not a more passionate preacher of sexual or political freedom than the English artist. To each the imperishable form of a possible and universal Republic is equally requisite, and adorable as the temporal and spiritual queen of ages as of men. To each all sides and shapes of life are acceptance and endurable. From the fresh free ground of either workman nothing is excluded that is not exclusive. The words of either strike deep and run wide and soar high. They are born full of faith and passion, competent to love and to loathe, capable of contempt and worship. Both are spiritual, and both democratic; both by their works, recall even to so untaught and tentative a student as I am, the fragments vouchsafed to us of the pantheistic poetry of the East. Their casual audacities of expression or speculation are in effect well-nigh identical. Their outlooks and theories are evidently the same on all points of social and intellectual life. The divine emotion and selfless love which make men martyrs and prophets are alike visible and palpable in each. It is no secret now, but a matter of public knowledge, that both these men, being poor in the sight and scorn of the world, have given what they had of time or of money, of labor or of love, to comfort and support all the suffering and the sick, all the afflicted and misused, whom they had the chance or the right to succor and to serve. The noble and gentle labors of the one are known to those who live in his time; the similar deeds of the other deserve and demand a late recognition. No man so poor and so obscure as BLAKE appeared in the eyes of his generation, ever did more good works in a more noble and simple spirit. It seems that in each of these men, at their birth, duty and passion, and relief and redress of wrong, became incarnate and innate. That may be well said of the one, which was said of the other, that "he looks like a man." And in externals and details the work of these two constantly and inevitably coheres and coincides. A sound as of a sweeping wind; a prospect as over dawning continents at the fiery instant of sunrise; a splendor, now of starp and now of storms; an expanse and exultation of wing across strange spaces of air, and above shoreless stretches of sea; a resolute and reflective love of liberty in all times and in all things where it should live; a depth of sympathy and a height of scorn which complete and explain each other as tender and as bitter as DANTE's; a power, intense and infallible, of pictorial concentration and absorption, most rare when combined with the sense and the enjoyment of the widest and the highest things; an exquisite and lyrical excellence of form when the subject is well in keeping with the poet's tone of spirit; a strength and security of touch in small sweet sketches of color and outline, which bring before the student a clear glimpse of the thing designed—some little inlet of sky lighted by moon or star, some dim reach of windy water or gentle growth of meadow land or wood; these are qualities common to the work of either. Had we place or time or wish to touch on their shortcomings and errors, it might be shown that these two are nearly akin; that their poetry has at once the melody and laxity of a fitful storm-wind; that, being oceanic, it is troubled with violent groundswells, and sudden perils of ebb and reflux, of shoal and reef, perplexing to the swimmer or the sailor; in a word, that it partakes the powers and the faults of elemental and eternal things; that it is at times noisy and barren and loose, rootless and fruitless and informal; and is, in the main, fruitful and delightful and noble, a necessary part of the divine machinery of the world. Their work or art of which this cannot be said is superfluous and perishable, whatever of grace or charm it may possess or assume. WHITMAN has seldom struck a note of thought and speech so just and so profound as BLAKE has now and then touched upon; but his work is generally more frank and fresh, smelling of sweeter air, and readier to expound or expand its message, than this of the Prophetic Books. Nor is there any poem or passage of equal length so faultless and so noble as the American's "Word out of the Sea," or his dirge over President LINCOLN—the most sweet and sonorous nocturn ever chanted in the church of the world. But in breadth of outline and charm of color, these poems recall the work of BLAKE; and to neither poet can a higher tribute of honest praise be paid than this."

This eloquently worded statement—and we will here say that Mr. SWINBURNE, in the present volume, has, to our notion, achieved decidedly his best prose in style and composition—embraces certain points of plausibility, and even verity; but we have to affirm, and with emphasis, that the summing up on judgment—indeed, the analogy at all—is essentially void and false. Whether for evil, or whether for good, WALT WHITMAN belongs to another and completely different genus. His English admirers, or certain of them, sadly gulled by the prevailing sensation anecdotes and accounts, and deluded, perhaps dazzled, by one or two of his minor peculiarities, have so gone astray, that they have left the poet himself, and what he really is, quite out of sight. Lord STRANGFORD finds in him the reappearance of Persian HAFIZ, touching again the Oriental lute, sounding its old strains of love, optimism, annihilation, to the warbling of nightingales, embowered in gardens of roses. Mr. SWINBURNE, as we see, pronounces him a new avatar of Swedenborgian WILLIAM BLAKE; and, furthermore a first-class lyrical genius. While ROBERT BUCHANAN makes his autorial character to consist in a terrible vehemence and "grip," hitherto unknown among bookmen; but denies him the title of poet altogether. We cannot examine these somewhat amusing adjudications here, but make free merely to say that, as we view it, the claim of anything like real identity between WILLIAM BLAKE and our new American Chansonnier, would, upon a little study and comparison, helplessly fail and fall to the ground.

VIRGINIA.

The Convention Recedes from its Wholesale Disfranchisement—Congressional Test Oath Adopted—The Colored Members Enraged—Basis of Representation—A Row Between Capt. Parr and Dr. Bayne.

From Our Own Correspondent.

RICHMOND, Tuesday, March 24, 1868.

We may now look upon the elective franchise article of the Constitution as settled. It was brought up to-day, and notwithstanding the most vehement opposition on the part of the proscriptive members and the attempt of KELSO and other negroes to "whip in" the whites to support their ultra measures, all the propositions to disfranchise or disqualify persons from voting, beyond those ostracised by the Howard amendment and the Reconstruction acts, failed and were indefinitely postponed by decided majorities. KELSO (negro) raved like a madman, and was bitter in his denunciation of those Radicals who were absent, and who, he said, had absented themselves because they were afraid "to face the music." Such "crawfishing" in Radicals was contemptible, and it would be remembered against the weak-kneed brethren in the future. As for himself, he had no love for a traitorious rebel, and would gladly see every one that took part in the rebellion disfranchised. He said he was convinced from the appearance of the House that if a vote were now taken it would fail, and he therefore urged a postponement in hopes that a few more of their friends might be induced to come up and do their duty on some other day. "Yankee" ALLAN, however, who is a very moderate Radical, and one of the shrewdest wire-workers in the House, notwithstanding his "youth and inexperience," saw the advantage he had, and passed the question to an immediate issue. It was carried by a vote of 40 to 28. The negroes all voted for disfranchisement. They were astonished to find themselves so badly beaten, and during the recess which followed there was a good deal of exciting talk. HODGES (colored) declared "that those men who have gone back on the colored members ought to be hung." MOSELY (colored) said it wouldn't do to hang them, as they didn't have enough now to do the work with.

Mr. HODGES—Yes, but if they don't do their work any better than they did to-day, I don't want them at all. I want to see them hung.

Mr. KELSO (colored) went up to a native Virginian who had voted with them, and said, "Give me a true Virginian, I'm tired of the weak-kneed Yankees."

"Yes," was the reply, "We want Virginians; we don't want Yankee deserters, do we?" (It was understood he alluded to Mr. ALLEN.)

KELSO then turned to Gen. WHITE (of Butler renown) and said, "Don't you say, General, give us good Virginians, and not Yankees?" The General had also voted with him, but seemed to be somewhat confused by the remark.

KELSO—You're a good native-born Virginian, aint you, General?

WHITE—Well, I can't exactly say that I am. I have the honor of being a native of the great State of New-York.

KELSO—Ah, well, I mean *true* men.

TEST OATH.

But there was one amendment reserved for the evening session, which was the most important of all. It was that offered by Mr. BINGHAM, of Ohio, to the effect that the Congressional test oath of 1862, as the oath that should be required of all officers of the State after the adoption of the Constitution.

Mr. CHANDLER, Conservative, moved to amend by inserting before the words, "so help me God," "and that I am not a native born white Virginian," which the Chair decided to be out of order.

The previous question was demanded by HINE, all debate was cut off, and the "iron-clad" was adopted by a vote of 40 to 32. Mr. THOMAS was the only Republican who voted against it. A motion to reconsider was lost, and there is every probability that it will stand as the action of the Convention. None but Northern Radicals and negroes in the State can take that oath; and should the Constitution be adopted, every Conservative will be excluded from office. With such an unpopular provision, and with at least 30,000 white majority in the State, the Constitution cannot be adopted.

Mr. MADDOX proposed as an additional section that all persons before they are permitted to vote shall take the Congressional test oath, but pending its consideration the Convention adjourned.

WAR OF RACES.

Capt. PARR, the Radical-Conservative member from Nansemond County, who represents the "oyster," but is opposed to ostracism, and the inevitable Dr. BAYNE had a lively personal altercation, which came very nigh ending in blows. During the morning hour, PARR, while BAYNE was absent, introduced the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, A few persons occupy the time of this body in unnecessary gabbing;

Resolved, That the gentleman from Norfolk, Dr. BAYNE, be limited to five speeches each day.

This was decided out of order, but the facetious Captain had had his joke, and that was all he wanted; but it didn't end there. BAYNE, on his return to the Convention,

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The riots at Charleroi, in Belgium, have broken out with renewed violence.

The Spanish Government is excluding all American newspapers from the Kingdom.

The case of GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN, who was arrested for a debt due an English firm, was recently before the Court of Bankruptcy, in Dublin.

The trial of the Fenian General NAGLE is to take place before the Court of Queen's Bench, in London, in May.

The Bremen steamship *Union*, with mail dates to March 17, arrived at this port yesterday.

CONGRESS.

The report of the Conference Committee on the bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to recover by warrant into the Treasury certain moneys, the proceeds of sales of captured and abandoned property, was adopted in the Senate yesterday. A resolution was adopted asking the President whether he has recently established any new military departments, and if so by what authority. The report of the Conference Committee on the bill to exempt from taxation certain manufactures, printed in the TIMES of yesterday, was taken up. The amendment providing for the closing of all distilleries in any district where whisky is sold for a less sum per gallon than the Government tax, provoked much debate. The report was disagreed to, and another Committee of Conference appointed, after which the Senate adjourned.

The House was principally occupied in the discussion of the bill providing for the admission of Alabama. Mr. KERR opened the debate in a lengthy argument in opposition to the bill, and was replied to by Mr. PAYNE. Messrs. ELDRIDGE, WILLIAMS, BINGHAM, FARNSWORTH, STEVENS and others, spoke on the subject. At the conclusion of the debate, a motion to lay the bill on the table was negatived—yeas 30, nays 103. Mr. BINGHAM's motion to strike out the third section was agreed to, and a substitute, offered by Mr. STEVENS, was rejected. Mr. SPALDING offered a substitute which was adopted, yeas 77, nays 54, and the original preamble was rejected, after which the bill passed, yeas 102, nays 29, a strict party vote. The bill as adopted will be found in our regular Congressional report. A new Conference Committee on the TAX Exemption bill was appointed, and the House adjourned.

GENERAL.

A few days ago, a boy playing in a vacant lot in Jackson, Tenn., discovered a piece of paper projecting from a decaying stump. Further examination revealed a number of valuable papers, including notes, mortgages, &c., apparently belonging to DANIEL BALL, and bearing date in New-York. The supposition is that they were stolen from the owner on the cars or at the depot in Jackson.

The report of the Military Committee of the House of Representatives upon the recent revision of the army regulations will soon be presented. Important changes in the organization of courts-martial will be recommended. Among these, authority will be asked to enable courts to compel the attendance of civilian witnesses.

JOSEPH E. SHEFFIELD, of New-Haven, is about to add to his many liberal benefactions by giving $60,000 to build and endow a church home for aged and infirm members, and a church school, for Trinity Church.

GOV. BROWNLOW has published in the Knoxville *Whig* a bitter denunciation of the Kuklux Klan. He advises the loyal men and Union Leagues to combine and organize for its extermination.

Both Houses of the State Legislature were in session yesterday, but no business of special importance was transacted. The Senate adjourned to Tuesday morning, and the House to Monday evening.

A heavy snow-storm occurred along the line of the Union Pacific Railroad on Thursday. It was so severe as to cause a suspension of labor on some portions of the route.

The body of a boy found on the meadows between Newark lighthouse and Black Beacon has been recognized as that of a lad named DORRMUS, who broke through the ice while skating during the early part of the Winter, and was drowned.

The New-England Methodist Episcopal Conference, in session at Boston, yesterday adopted resolutions indorsing Gen. GRANT, Secretary STANTON and impeachment.

A United States Grand Jury in Richmond has found a new indictment against JEFF. DAVIS. It is said to detail all his offences and to be a lengthy document.

Gen. JAS. B. BROWNLOW having resigned his captaincy in the regular army, has been elected Superintendent of the Knoxville and Kentucky Railroad.

The house of Hon. CHARLES DUDLEY, of Agency City, member of the Iowa Legislature, was burned on Friday night, and three of his sons perished in the flames.

We are indebted to the courtesy of the Purser of the steamship *Europe* for late Paris newspapers.

Five prisoners broke jail at Richmond yesterday, and effected their escape.

An unusually daring burglary, robbery and murderous assault took place in Brooklyn yesterday morning. Mr. S. S. WHITMORE, having occasion to go to his house, No. 205 Schermerhorn-street, his family being temporarily absent, met a strange man in the hall, who politely bade him "Good morning" and rushed into the street. Mr. WHITMORE pursued him and after a severe struggle, with the assistance of a policeman, captured him.

Marshal TAPPAN reports the following licenses issued in the Mayor's office during the past week: Expresses, 20; venders, 54; public carts, 42; dirt carts, 19; drivers, 31; porters, 5; second-hand dealers, 15; coaches, 1. Total, 187. The fines imposed amounted to $31. Total, $581 50.

The wills of GEORGE F. ROE and CHARLES N. MILLS, of Brooklyn, were proved in the Surrogate's Court last week. Letters of administration were granted on the estates of FREDERICK KLEINAN, CATHARINE DIEKER, MATILDA WEBSTER and MARGARET FITZGERALD, all of Brooklyn.

In the Court of Special Sessions yesterday twenty-two cases were disposed of. Of these thirteen were charges of petit larceny, seven of assault and battery, one of keeping a disorderly house, and one of carrying burglars' tools.

PETER RILEY, who, with PATRICK MURRAY, was confined in the Hudson County Jail awaiting trial on a charge of felonious assault and battery and attempted highway robbery, died there at 3 o'clock yesterday morning.

In the Board of Councilmen the Committee on Railroads presented a report in favor of allowing the Second-avenue Railroad Company to lay tracks in Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth streets, between First and Third avenues.

Eighty-five prisoners are awaiting the action of the Grand Jury in the Hudson County (N. J.) Jail.

The Board of Aldermen, on Saturday, directed the Croton Department to advertise for bids for laying the McDougal wooden pavement in several streets.

The total number of arrests made by the Police in Brooklyn last week was 328.

America in China.

The last official act of Mr. BURLINGAME in his capacity as Minister to China, was a very significant one. It was, as elsewhere recorded, the official presentation of a copy of STUART'S Washington to a Chinese writer who, twenty years ago, was sent into exile for his tribute to our great First President—an exile from which he seems to have been lately recalled to greater honors and rewards than ever, by the personal intercession of Mr. BURLINGAME. It is a wondrous sign of the times when so deep-dyed a criminal is restored to favor and crowned with laurels. Till within a quarter of a century, the study of barbarian annals has been one of the most dangerous branches of learning a Chinese could pursue; and a candid geographer has dared the fate of GALILEO.

The writer in question was SEU-KI-YU, degraded from office and banished by a former Emperor "for eulogizing WASHINGTON in his works, *The Geography of the World and The Men of Note of Other Countries*," published, we believe, in 1849, and for which the author suffered eighteen years of exile. One is interested to know what it was that was so treasonable in utterance. We are not without a key to explain what the published account makes mysterious.

In 1850 a Mr. PEET, an American missionary in China, sent to our country an account of a new Chinese geography, written by the Lietenant-Governor of the Fuh-Chan province, and recommended by the Governor-General as trustworthy, despite its novelty. The idea of the Chinese beginning to study geography, was, of course, startling enough—and as many of them were not before aware that anything worth speaking of existed beyond the boundaries of the Flowery Kingdom, their own wonder may be imagined at seeing a book in ten volumes (or rather sections,) with matter enough to fill three about the earth's shape in general, and about Asia "outside of China"—four about Europe, two about America, one about Africa. It was something like a revelation to learn that the universe was not made for the use and behoof of the Celestials.

There were 42 maps, quite accurate, and and these, with all the information, were derived, of course, from "western men," and particularly from American missionaries. The whole time-honored Chinese system of geography was revolutioned by this Oriental Galileo. For example, he narrated the existence of a Southern hemisphere and a South pole, with "a second frozen ocean—it is a mistake," he said, "to suppose the equator to be the South Pole. Truly we ought to hear this explanation and believe it."

But we pass the geographical marvels, as, though one of the offences of Seu-ki-yu according to the account just referred to, was publishing a *Geography of the World*, it was his *Men of Note*, with its words about Washington that were the most "disloyal." Now, referring to this treatise we find in Mr. PEET's translations from it, a very curious account of the discovery and early history of America, and of our Republic, with chronology somewhat disregarded—the historic picture, with its "foreshortenings," reminding one of a Chinese drawing—but, in the main, the facts tolerably accurate. But its most marked feature is its vivid appreciation of WASHINGTON'S character, to which, no doubt, the author's American acquaintances did patriotic justice. "When small he had great views both in regard to civil and military affairs, and excelled in strength and courage. * * * Without arms, ammunition, or provisions, WASHINGTON stimulated his countrymen to action by a righteous spirit." Then, we are told, "while his army was often reduced and weakened, WASHINGTON'S spirit was undiminished, and the English army became old." Here is the summing up of the character:

"He was an uncommon man. He conquered more rapidly than SHING and KWANG, and in courage he was superior to TSAON and LEW. Seizing the two-edged sword of three cubits long, he opened the country 10,000 le. He then refused to receive a title, or to secure one for his posterity, preferring to establish an elective administration. Patriotism to be commended under the whole heaven! Truly like the three dynasties! In administering the Government he fostered virtuous customs, and, avoiding war, made his country superior to all other nations. I have seen his portrait. His countenance exhibits great mental power. Ah! who would not call him an uncommon man!"

All this treason and heresy, this praise of barbarians, could hardly be palatable to the Chinese Emperor. According to the common rectangular maps in previous authority, China, the "Middle Kingdom," occupied the greater part of the habitable world; there was no Southern Hemisphere at all, and no Western Hemisphere. Other countries were only the fringes on the frozen oceans which surrounded China. To disturb this complacent theory comes a map in which China cuts a sorry figure, chronologies which overthrow Chinese reckonings, and such talk as this:

"Western men produce maps having a Southern frozen ocean. Why should Chinamen doubt, since their vessels have not gone a great distance, and since the Kwang-tung (Canton) Province is the extremity of their country?"

As to WASHINGTON, to place him above the illustrious TSAON and LEW could not, a score of years ago, be endured, nor to announce that, as Mr. BURLINGAME says, "he recalled the three dynasties whose serene virtues had shed their light along the ages for 4,000 years." But the exile has his reward. The act of our Government in sending over this peculiar memorial is one not only of appreciation, but of "poetical justice," and is a happy commentary on the words, "I have seen his portrait. Ah! he was an uncommon man." That such an official is now raised "near the head of the State, to aid in controlling the affairs of 4,000,000,000 of people," is a significant token also of the influence of America in China.

Lying by Telegraph.

From the Tribune.

There has been so much discussion as to the truth of a certain dispatch published a little while ago in the *Tribune*, describing a rebel demonstration in New-Orleans, that we may as well state that it came to us from Mr. THOMAS W. CONWAY, of that city, and we beg leave to refer to him anybody who wants further information respecting it.

The "certain dispatch" referred to above is the one which stated that Gen. HANCOCK and JEFF. DAVIS rode out in the same carriage through the streets of New-Orleans,—that the firemen, upon their celebration, marched to the hotel where DAVIS was staying and gave him three hearty cheers,—that only a small portion of them carried United States flags, and that very great indignation was felt "among the loyal portion of the people," at these occurrences. The dispatch was sent and published on the eve of the New-Hampshire election.

Each and every one of its statements proved to be false. It was a pure fabrication from beginning to end. There has been no attempt in any quarter either to sustain its statements, or to give any excuse for their fabrication. The *Tribune*, whose columns were used for the purpose of giving them currency, now makes public the name of the person who sent them.

What Mr. CONWAY, now that he is thus made responsible for this outrage, may have to say about it, remains to be seen.

What Impeachment Means.

The St. Louis *Democrat* puts upon the impeachment of the President what is probably its realm caning. It says:

"The fact is, Mr. JOHNSON has really been on trial for three years. The *people* have tried him. *Congress* has tried him. Before the House had acted, a verdict higher than any that the Senate can give was recorded. It only remains *for the Senate to pronounce such sentence as the law demands.*"

The whole process of trial, then, it seems from this, is but a farce. The real trial has already been had. The "people" have tried the President—and Congress has tried him. Both condemn his action, yet they cannot get him out of office. He remains President a year longer, according to the Constitution, in spite of their condemnation. The *form* of impeachment must be gone through with, in order to give the Senate a chance to pronounce sentence!

Looking at the case from this point of view, is there not some reason to regard the impeachment of the President as a purely party affair? If the Senate take the same view of it as the *Democrat*, is it not clear that the conviction and removal of the President are "foregone conclusions," and that neither evidence nor legal argument will have any influence whatever on the result? And is it quite wise or safe that such a precedent as this should be set for the conduct of the Government hereafter?

What We Drink—Revelations of the Wine Trade.

Our readers can hardly have failed to notice the extraordinary revelations made during the last few weeks, in the suit brought by the Government in the U. S. District Court, "against 1,209 casks of sherry wine," belonging to the Spanish house of LACAVE & ECHECOPAR. This wine, it appears, had been seized on the ground of alleged fraudulent undervaluations by the exporters—the invoice being at $16 per quarter cask, or about 53 cents per gallon, whereas Government claimed about 80 cents gold, basing this valuation on information furnished by their own detective, sent to Cadiz to ascertain its market value. The total value of the sherry in dispute is claimed to be about $90,000, while the worth of similar wines dependant upon this suit is estimated at $500,000.

The first great fact which looms up in the testimony of the case, to the surprise of most wine-drinkers here, is, that nearly all the so-called "sherries" imported into the United States are not only not sherries, but not even genuine *wines*—being a singular, almost unfermented, liquid concocted from poor grapes and be-doctored with unknown materials until it is considered ready for drinking in ten months from the time the grapes are pressed. An so successful has been this adulteration and fabrication that even an English expert on the trial testified in effect that he could not distinguish this wine from a genuine sherry. When one considers what complicated disorders in the stomach and nerves these made-up beverages produce, and what a dangerous thing to the public health any wine is whose fermentation is arrested, or which is partly composed of foreign substances and artificial alcohol, we may judge of the importance of the disclosures made in this trial to the general public.

Our own wine-drinkers evidently possessed a more delicate taste than the English expert who testified in this case, as for a long time, the question has been current with good judges, "what has become of genuine sherry?" Madeira has mostly disappeared under the misfortune which has overtaken the vines of that celebrated island. But sherry, that favorite of *bon vivants* and grand prescription of physicians, that most fragrant, strongly-characterized, high-flavored wine, where has it vanished? Our medical authorities themselves have observed the very different sanitary properties of the so-called sherries, from what used to mark the favorite Spanish wine. Of course, the popular assumption was that whatever came from Spain, purporting to be wine, was real wine, and that sherry being sent from Spain by Spaniards must be real sherry. The testimony presented in this suit will show how erroneous this presumption was, and what has become of real sherry.

But before perusing this evidence, the reader must bear in mind certain natural phenomena which always accompany the production of any genuine wine. Among the chief of these is fermentation.

This, as most of our readers know, is a mysterious and beautiful process of nature in which sugar splits itself up into spirit and carbonic acid gas, and in the case of the juice of ripe grapes, various other remarkable changes take place.

For a poetic description, Mr. REACH's is the most striking, in his *Claret and Olives*:

"The vats sufficiently full, the fermentation is allowed to commence. In the great cellars in which the juice is stored, the listener at the door—he cannot brave the carbonic acid gas to enter further—may hear solemnly echoing in the cool shade of the darkened hall the bubblings and soothings of the working liquid, the inarticulate accents and indistinct rumblings which proclaim that a great metempsychosis is taking place—that a natural substance is rising higher in the eternal scale of things, and that the contents of these great giants of vats are becoming changed from floods of mere mawkish, sweetish fluid to noble wine—to a liquid honored and esteemed in all ages—to a medicine exercising a strange and potent effect upon body and soul—great for good and evil."

Now, from the evidence of this trial, it appears that Messrs. LACAVE & ECHECOPAR had no inclination to wait for this poetic, but very tedious and slow, process which nature has chosen for making a wine. Neither did they believe in preserving a new wine any such period as six or ten years, according to the old-fashioned prejudice of European countries. For a new country like America, a new mode of producing "old wines" must be invented. They accordingly experimented, with the patience of a German, and the ingenuity of a Yankee, on the problem of making "fine old Crown sherry" from poor juice ten months old, and bad brandy and other unmentioned materials. The process, we are informed on the trial, is this:

Poor grapes are gathered together—not even from the sherry district—and pressed; the juice is bought by the manufacturers at about 30 cents a gallon, and before it has fully fermented, "alcohol, *and so forth*," are added, until, as the evidence shows, we get in ten months, not even an adulterated wine, but a fabrication, which is marked with a "crown" and sold here as genuine Spanish sherry.

But our readers must not be detained from the testimony.

Mr. BENEDICT, counsel for the defence, says in the course of opening the case for his clients:

"Genuine sherry is the product of Xeres, an old Moorish town. The exportations of sherry to this country and England are for the most part poor, because *made up*, and the largest houses send *no real sherry* to America; for it costs from $3 to $4 (gold) per gallon where it is produced, and every one knows that, with the enormous duties on wine here, it could not be imported unless at such prices as would be deemed exorbitant. LACAVE & ECHECOPAR therefore determined to see what could be done with these poor qualities of grapes, which they get at Moqua, and all over the country wherever cheap grapes are produced. The grapes are sent to Cadiz in baskets, and there made into wine. Spirits are put into it to keep it from fermentation, and also to keep it sweet. They have been for thirty years bringing to perfection this wine made from these grapes from Moqua and other places."

JAMES BENSUSAN, native of Cadiz, of the house of LACAVE & ECHECOPAR, testified:

"This kind of sherry is the main traffic of my country. Our house sends about 3,000 butts yearly to the United States. There are other houses in Cadiz and Port St. Mary which make and ship wine of this kind."

Here he produced a list of such houses.

PETER ESCOUERA, clerk in the same house, testifies "that they also make *Madeira*, but that there is no difference in the composition, quality or value of Madeira and sherry." (!) He also testifies that "their wines are not drank in Cadiz."

JOSEPH BENSUSAN, with regard to LECAVE & ECHECOPAR, further testifies:

"Their wines are not used in Spain. Spaniards prefer to drink wine in its natural state. They ship the bulk of their manufactures to the United States."

It appears then, from this and other testimony, which we need not quote, that Xeres, or the sherry district, is a comparatively small region, where a moderate quantity of a high-priced wine is produced. This is the famous ancient sherry; but with our present duties this wine could not be sold here profitably for less than $10 a gallon. The foreign dealers, accordingly, have made up a beverage from what the witnesses style "a nasty, filthy liquid," and have added alcohol, sugar and other ingredients, and have thus produced "a fine old good, pale and brown" sherry, marked with a diamond or a crown, to show its high position, and have imported it here in immense quantities and sold it at low rates.

They have also manufactured for our innocent public, in the same manner, Manzanilla and Madeira.

We trust that the attention of physicians and all who favor pure wines, will be called to these revelations of the wine trade.

Pure American wines are now made which have all the tonic properties of genuine sherry, and on whose honesty and freedom from poisonous mixtures confidence can be placed. Let these wines have now a fair field in competition with the foreign fabrications.

And, above all, let our readers still bear in mind the old adage, "Beware of bargains in wine!"

Dramatic Property.

A decision recently pronounced by Chief Justice ROBERTSON, in the Superior Court, and concurred in, so far as the principles of law were concerned, by the two Associate Judges, BARBER and MONELL, is of much moment to the dramatic profession. As the judgment is one of great ability, and discusses with the keenest intelligence and closest analysis the law as it affects *uncopyrighted* literary property, it may doubtless be accepted, unless reversed by the Court of Appeals, as the established and governing principle on a question which has hitherto been clouded with considerable doubt, and led to considerable litigation.

The decision does not in any manner, as by some writers seems to have been carelessly conceived, touch the matter of copyrighted property. A dramatic author who has obtained a copyright property in his play,—even though we accept Judge SHIPMAN'S opinion in the Octoroon case, or that play be founded on a previously published novel or an adaptation of a previously published play,—requires no other protection against the performance of such play in this country without his authority, than that copyright affords; and the same principle holds good of plays copyrighted in England, so far as England is concerned. But as no international copyright exists between the two countries, an attempt has been made to indirectly establish one, and extend the right of property to America, by some of the leading dramatic writers in England, and with considerable success. With this object instead of, as formerly, printing books of the pieces they produce in England, and thereby giving to the people of other countries, with whom no international copyright exists, an unrestricted right to their use, they retrain from publishing them and then claim for themselves and those for whom they sign a common-law property right to their exclusive use and enjoyment. This right, which has been but recently claimed, and which we believe was first asserted in the celebrated "American Cousin" case, has been the subject since of a ceaseless legal quarrel, which we fear, however pretty, Chief Justice ROBERTSON'S decision is likely to spoil. The decision is given in this same "American Cousin" case of REEVE against CLARKE, which had traveled through many previous stages, and establishes that at common law the author or proprietor of a play, unprotected by copyright, virtually dedicates that play to the public for their unrestricted use, when he presents it or allows it to be presented on the stage without any notice of reservation, and that consequently Miss REEVE, in producing the play of "Our American Cousin," and Mr. ROBERTSON those of "Ours" and "Caste," without such comcomitant reservation, dedicated these plays to the public, and parted with an exclusive right to their enjoyment.

But while this decision refuses to recognize their proper right in uncopyrighted plays hitherto produced without this reservation, it permits virtually the establishment, so far as dramatic property is concerned, of an international copyright in the future. This decision establishes that if in the future production of such plays as "Ours" or "Caste," or those from the brilliant but too long silent pen of BOUCICAULT, the author or proprietor of an uncopyrighted play, may retain his exclusive right to its enjoyment by distinctly and clearly conveying to the audience his desire and intention to reserve such right and not to dedicate it to the public. The doing so implies an agreement and understanding with the public, the violation of which "may be restrained upon the same principle as any other betrayal of confidence, such as the disclosure of the secrets of a business act, trade or mystery agreed not to be divulged. Such understanding may be created by indorsements on a ticket of admission or notices publicly posted in places of performance or other modes. Such precautions are necessary to protect the exclusive right to an uncopyrighted production, otherwise they would stand on the same footing as if they were copyrighted." It even protects the author, using this reservation against an almost impossible invasion of his rights. These are not the days of intellectual giants, and as nature runs now, men of the mnemonic mould of Mr. W. J. FLORENCE rarely visits this world of short memory of ours. But should this gentleman still retain the same strange and unnatural powers as exhibited in "Caste" and feel in any playful moment, like our greatest fighters, a fancy to indulge his strength, it may be interesting to him to understand that this decision restrains him.

The judgment, indeed, in its entirety, strong in the accumulation of legal lore, and close and crushing in the vigor of its application, is of great interest to all the dramatic profession, and should be published by some dramatic bookseller and placed within their reach. By managers, equally as by authors, it will be regarded as a boon. Inded, the accomplished proprietor of Wallack's Theatre has already, with generous instinct, anticipated the justice of this decision by paying large sums to English authors for the performance of their dramatic works, and there is no decent manager or artist who will not rejoice to find an international copyright law thus practically established. The arguments which apply against an international copyright in other species of literary property do not strike this, as the price of the article for the public will not be raised, but the public will have both the advantage of enjoying more and better material at the same cost. And we can only hope that Congress will directly ratify the principles which this decision indirectly establishes in dramatic law.

The New Mining Commissioner.

The enterprising J. ROSS BROWNE has been confirmed by the Senate as Minister to China. This leaves a vacancy in the position of United States Commissioner of Mining Statistics not to be easily filled. In his first yearly report, Mr. BROWNE showed the advantages of great industry, cleverness in dealing with men, and unusual literary facility, combined with the disadvantages of a cursory life and no scientific training. His second report showed a great improvement on the first, both in accuracy of detail and in the eminently broad and practical views taken of the whole question of American mining interests. It is he who, with a really statesmanlike foresight, has put into clean, working shape the project lately agitated for establishing a National Mining School in the heart of the rich mineral region of the Pacific coast. Looking beyond the varying local fortunes of the present day, as they exhibit themselves to the casual inspector of mining districts, he has seen the necessity of embodying the restless activity of individuals and the spasmodic mining legislation of separate States, in a form which could be made susceptible to a steady, central guidance. He saw the imperative need of in some way nationalizing an interest which, even in its present independent, unorganized, maladjusted condition, is having a tremendous effect upon the national prosperity. To meet this want, he did not suggest any such sweeping grasp of Federal power upon all the local and State interests as many are fond of putting forward now-a-days to cure all evils of apparently loose working in our institutions. But he proposed a plan by which the whole nation should at once acquire an interest in the mineral stores of the West, and by which a national institution should exercise a powerful influence upon their development, while yet the individuals and States thus meddled with should not only not complain but even welcome the interference. A National School of Mines was his plan, by which American engineers might be trained to grapple with the increasing complications of mining and ore-beneficiation in the West, which should, by its cabinets and laboratories and concentration of scientific men, afford a central bureau of information to all who should choose to seek it; and which should serve as a gymnasium for exercising foreign scientific students in the endless variations and quantities of American mineral resources, spreading abroad the fame of what really exists in our country by such means that it will be credited and sought after as investment from other lands, rather than, as now, scouted as the invention of speculators, or the creation of American braggadocio.

This noble plan Mr. BROWNE leaves as a legacy to his successor in the arduous position he vacated. To show how well it has reconciled the aim of a Federal influence with the claims of local independence, it needs only to say that the Senators and Representatives from the Pacific coast are heartily interested and in earnest about pushing it through, recognizing the vast benefit it must confer upon their States.

It is to be hoped that in the appointment of a new Commissioner the Secretary of the Treasury will have the tact to recognize that the position demands a man identified with the plan so well adapted to harmonize and nationalize the widespread mineral interests of the land; and that the Congressmen of the States most immediately interested, together with the late Commissioner, may be consulted in the selection, as men most likely to know the person whom the office should seek.

Coroners' Verdicts.

We think it about time that Coroners' Juries should find out that their verdicts of censure fall as harmless upon the heads of railroad corporations as would a snow-flake upon the back of a rhinoceros. We are heartily disgusted that such silly paper-pellets as these verdicts are, continue to be thrown at malefactors whose skins are as thick as those which encase a great many of our railroad and steam-boat Directors. The frequent loss of life resulting from the parsimony and carelessness of this class of people is fast making it a terrible matter to set out on a journey. The chances of a dire mishap, or the contingency of "shuffling off this mortal coil" are far too many to permit us even to contemplate a Summer pleasure-jaunt with unalloyed delight when we know that all the satisfaction our friends will get for the possible wanton destruction of our precious lives will be a mild censure of the railroad or steamboat people whose crime has brought us to an untimely and horrible end. It is useless to specify cases where valuable lives have been destroyed by the criminality of the Directors and managers of the lines of public travels. The remembrance of such occurrences is fresh in the multitude of homes which have been in this manner made desolate. We simply point to the most recent instance of the sort which happened last week on the Long Island Railroad, in which a poor newsboy was the victim. It seems like the quintessence of folly, as it certainly is a mockery of justice, only to censure a Railroad Company for allowing its track to be in an unsafe condition when the facts would warrant a charge of manslaughter against every individual of its members.

The Gospel Among the Poor.

It is gratifying to know, from the report of the Secretary of the New-York City Mission and Tract Society, that its work is steadily prospering. In the year 1834 this organization had fourteen missionaries and an income of $6,740; now it employs forty-six missionaries, and its receipts last year footed up $37,076, not including a large sum which was raised for building purposes. There are other organizations also which are engaged in the work of City evangelization, and yet, we are told, that the field for City missionary effort is not half explored, and the demand for an increase of laborers and pecuniary aid is constant.

In 1834 the real and personal estate in this City was valued at $186,543,511; last year it was estimated at $830,594,713. This vast increase shows how wealth is pouring into New-York; and, under the circumstances, it would be well for our citizens to reflect whether they are giving as liberally of their means as they ought to the support of the religious and philanthropic institutions whose work is among the poor and wretched.

We are told that the London City Mission employs three hundred and fifty missionaries, and has a yearly income of $200,000, three-fourths of which sum is voluntarily handed in at the office of the society without the trouble of asking for it. It is the duty of New-York to be foremost in all good works, and certainly she might come up to the London standard with very little effort.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Our New-Haven correspondent gives a significant hint of one accession of strength since last year's struggle, on which the Connecticut Republicans are counting. "The Federal office-holders who, last year, went almost in a body for ENGLISH, will this year go for JEWETT." It is, perhaps, somewhat of a cynical calculation, but what is known of human nature, and even of official human nature, justifies it. Last year the office-holders, "however strong Republicans at heart," were compelled "to vote the Democratic ticket, if they wished to hang on to their places." But now, considering that Mr. JOHNSON has at best but eleven months left of Presidential life, and probably not eleven weeks, "no one seems to stand in any fear of ANDY JOHNSON, or to care anything about him, one way or the other." No doubt the Presidential prospects of Gen. GRANT help nerve up the office-holders to this "change of front" upon Gov. ENGLISH.

Richmond affrays between public men are not, happily, the bloody affairs they were in the olden time. The Butler-White duel was settled without an exchange of shots, and the Bayne-Platte quarrel seems to have had a like peaceful termination. "If you wish to take it up, you can get whatever you want," said Mr. PLATTE in Convention, when Dr. BAYNE, also a Radical, but a colored one, objected to being called an "impudent negro and scoundrel." The Doctor retorted, "I will settle it with the gentleman outside." We presume it was settled, and that the Doctor got whatever he wanted; for that is all that is heard of the affair thus far. Surely, this is a better way of solving disputed points than by popping an ounce of lead into your friend's stomach. One step more remains to be taken, and that is to refrain from the use of words conveying insults and threats which are not followed up by acts.

It recalls a bygone error in our own annals to find the Detroit papers waging a fierce crusade against allowing cattle and swine to dispute with human beings the right to the sidewalk. The editor of the *Post* speaks in great disgust of "a dirty, bony-looking cow, of no particular breed, gobbling the vegetables in front of a grocery," and "no policeman was in sight." Even the "Grand Circus Park was invaded" in the same way. Let Detroit take courage; we, too, in New-York, have been through that epoch of civil history, and can assure it that, with the advancement of civilization, it will no longer have to complain of "the cattle and swine that bellow and grunt along the principal avenues."

The story of the ten survivors of the ship *Uysses Grant*, wrecked on the Auckland Islands, to the south of New-Zealand, has a strong Robinson Crusoe interest; but not in an equal degree, of course, because it is only a brief statement. The island on which the vessel went to pieces was discovered in 1806 by Mr. ENDERBY, who received it from the English Government as a gift. It is about thirty miles long and fifteen broad, and remarkably fertile, having much game in its woods and fish and seals in its waters. It is surrounded by some smaller islands, and is occasionally visited by whalers, some of whom left behind a few pigs, the descendants of which were a great god-send to the shipwrecked people. If the poor fellows had only had "a writer chiel" among them, he could make a very attractive narrative of that long and weary sojourn of eighteen months.

The "canny" Canadians will be ready with their "offset" whenever those potent, grave and reverend seignors, the arbiters or other managers, shall come together on the *Alabama* claims. Sir JOHN MACDONALD says the damage done by the Fenians in their incursion shall be fully made up and presented, at the proper time, through the Home Government. He gives good words, but seems to show that a good deal of "lawyership" will enter into this international business, which could be better carried on in a spirit of statesmanship, on both sides. Great nations should not imitate the quibbling and huxtering modes of individuals.

Baths for the people. And yet the people do not seem to trouble themselves much about them. It is a very remarkable thing, and a question for casuists, that while the City of Boston, a rather aristocratic "hub" or centre of literary notions and high philosophic theories, is getting up great free libraries and free bathing-places for its people, the great and opulent City of New-York, the centre and headquarters of democracy, should never think of treating herself to any such public benefits. We are certainly too self-denying in this respect, and should look a little more to our own comfort and well-being—to say nothing about the name and look of the thing—which would so well become a great and wealthy metropolis. Free baths for the citizens should be among the very first considerations with our Board of Health.

AGASSIZ, in one of his late Boston lectures, spoke of the wholesomeness of a fish diet, and said it had the property of brightening the intellects of those who are in the habit of eating it. Lord BYRON used to put himself on a course of potatoes and vinegar to bring about that result, but our philosopher's plan is a much more palatable one. Of course there is a philosophic reason for this, and AGASSIZ refers it to the phosphorus which exists in the composition of the fishes, and which has been recognized by chemists as a working element of the human brain. If this theory be a true one we may expect to see the New-England intellect a great deal sharper and keener than it is, for they are stocking all the New-England rivers with fish-spawn, and the *Atlantic Monthly* will overcome all our other magazines. *Putnam* should, in self-defence, have an article by Mr. SETH GREEN on the fishes and fish culture of the New-York rivers.

The Press has made this a changed world for the princes. Formerly, when these princes—we particularly mean those of England, the sons of GEORGE III.—did as they pleased, the journals took little or no notice of them, or only alluded to their doings in a reserved, respectful way. In the present day, on the other hand, the people of the Press cry out on those poor English princes, ALBERT EDWARD, or ALFRED, if they only exhibit anything like wildness, or levity, or a love of the social amusements. We have been scourging the Prince of Wales because he went out to hunt on a Saint's day, and saying, or hinting in a variety of ways, that he is a bad boy. Some savage editors of Australia were lately scoffing at ALFRED because he is not exactly as grave as his grandfather, and our journals are ready to point the moral or adorn the tale. It is a hard thing to be a prince in these days, and it is certain that all princes must now respect public opinion and the Press more than their forbears were in the habit of doing aforetime. It is good, in fact, that they should be aware that there is something stronger and even more influential than themselves.

Horse-eating still prospers and extends in Europe. The great banquet in London brought it rather to the notice of epicures and people who are able to indulge in fanciful tastes, than to the practical class of men who will really push it where it might do some good—among the people. But in Paris, since the first shop for the sale of horse-flesh was opened, in July, 1866, there have sprung up seventeen such shops, and during the past twelve months they sold 1,320,000 pounds, the flesh of 2,312 horses; at the same time 78 asses and some mules suffered martyrdom and deglutition, though that trade does not seem to increase. In Vienna, in 1863, 1,954 horses were slain for food. In Berlin, 1507, and in Turin, in 1865, a beginning of 73 was made, and the slaughter goes on. It will never do for us to be behind the world in adapting natural productions to human wants. Where are the Hippophagists?

The old Suez Canal has come back to the world, so to speak, like the Kingdom of Italy. In spite of a good many sneers and sinister prophecies, the French Emperor persisted, and now that water-way is in good working order. Last year its earnings amounted to 1,300,000 francs, and there is every appearance that it will turn out a money-making concern. The English are making use of it for the transport of war-materials and other reinforcements of NAPIER'S army in Abyssinia; and the news from Cairo and Alexandria says that these cities have lost what Said and Suez have gained, and look rather dull in consequence. That Isthmus is now as French as Algiers; and France in those two places has fixed a mighty grasp on the ground of Northern Africa. England, on her side, is also doing her best in the same direction; and that quarrel of THEODORE and the English missionaries came to a head at a very appropriate crisis. The missionaries perceive something providential in it.

Dr. STRIBLING, "mad doctor," of Staunton in Virginia, in giving a report of his asylum, sets down that thirteen of the women and seventeen of the men under his charge lost their wits on account of the war, and only three men and four women for love. We have some doubts about the former clause of the statement; it is not easy to discover the exact causes of such aberrations. But there is one case in which we have no doubt—that of AUGUSTUS JULIUS CÆSAR who recently died at the Morningside Asylum, near Edinburgh. He always insisted he was about two thousand years old. It is no wonder that a man with such a name, in the nineteenth century, should go crazy. He began, of course, by fancying himself OCTAVIUS in a state of metempsychosis, living ages after his time—and the rest would naturally follow, according to the graduated scale of old *Polonius* in the play, as applied to the condition of *Hamlet*.

Domestic servants are called plagues; but they are a considerable people for all that. Of all the working classes or trades in this great country, they are found to be the largest contributors to our savings banks. That is the statistical statement; and a great fact it is, kindred to the other great fact, shown on other statistical tables, of their hundreds of thousands yearly sent to help the unforgotten homesteads of the poor old country. All this shows how respectable the domestics can make themselves, and what a lucky and most comfortable set they are, if they only knew it, and were properly thankful for it. They usually live in grand or good houses, and fare handsomely every day. But they are servants? So are the great majority of people, in one way or the other. The President in his chair is a servant. And just see what his masters are going to do with him. Let every domestic servant in the country rejoice that she is not at this moment President of the United States, and prize the genial comfort of the kitchen more than she ever did before.

Young men indisposed to attend services on Sundays allege that the sermons are all upon dull subjects. How weak this excuse is, any Sunday's column of "religious notices" in the TIMES will show. For example: to-day sermons are advertised upon "The Green Things Growing;" upon "Bigots;" upon the "Logical Impossibility of any Compromise Between the Church and the Sects;" upon "The Rider on the White Horse and his Army." The other Sunday there were sermons advertised in the same columns on "Harps upon the Willows;" on "Injunctions to Secrecy;" on "The King and the Ambassadors;" on the "Lamp of Obedience;" on "The Purim Feast;" on the "Near Closing Events of Christianity;" on an unknown subject by "that drousy prophet whose doctrine troubles the wicked." If in the variety of these titles and topics, and others of which these are only weekly examples, there be not enough to excite interest or curiosity, surely it is the fault of the

WASHINGTON.

AFFAIRS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 28.

THE IMPEACHMENT MANAGERS.

The Board of Impeachment Managers were not in session to-day. Gen. BUTLER is still engaged in preparing his argument to open the case next Monday, and he expects to occupy the time of the Court during the entire day's session. The rush for tickets is unprecedented as the number of strangers in the city, who have come for the purpose of witnessing the trial, is unusually large. The members of both Houses have promised the tickets under their control, for several days in advance.

GEN. HANCOCK ASSIGNED TO DUTY.

The long-expected order from the President, assigning Gen. HANCOCK to duty in Washington as Commander of the Department of the Atlantic, was issued after office hours yesterday, and consequently did not reach Gen. GRANT's headquarters until this afternoon. Immediately following the publication of the order, the Senate passed a resolution calling on the President for information regarding his authority to issue it. Gen. GRANT will not promulgate the order to the army until Gen. HANCOCK returns to Washington, which will be about the middle of the comng week. The next movement in this line on the part of the Administration will, doubtless, be the issue of an order assigning Gen. GORDON GRANGER to the command of the District of Washington, in place of Gen. EMORY.

THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION.

The Reconstruction Committee, at their meeting this morning, had before them citizens of Florida, who were examined in relation to the Constitution framed by the recent State Convention. Persons were examined for and against the Constitution. The evidence elicited developes the fact that the supposed quarrel in the Republican Party is sustained on the one side by a few exclusive negro Radicals who desire to gain the control of affairs, and on the other by a majority of the white and black Unionists, including a lot of the ex-army officers now in the State. The latter have nominated a ticket, which is the only one in the field, and under Gen. MEADE's protection controlled the Convention when it adopted the Constitution which is to be submitted for ratification in May.

THE TAX EXEMPTION BILL.

The debate on the conference report on the manufacturers' Tax bill was continued in the Senate to-day, and resulted in non-concurrence. It was mainly opposed on the assumption that the tax on gross receipts is virtually a tax on the necessaries of the poor, as well as the fact that the so-called distillers' amendment would work injustice to honest manufacturers, inasmuch as it provides that all the distilleries in districts where fraud-whisky is sold shall be closed at the discretion of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

A NEW COINAGE BILL.

The Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures is anxious that Mr. KELLEY, its Chairman, shall urge the passage at the earliest practicable period of his new coinage bill, which provides for a uniformity in the one, three and five cent pieces, instead of having so many varieties of those denominations, and it abolishes the five and ten cent fractional currency. The three and five cent coins are to remain at their present weight. The one-cent piece is to be smaller than the new three-cent and the latest issues of one-cent pieces. The coin will be of the same composition as the present five-cent pieces. Judge KELLEY has made the improvement in the coins from his knowledge acquired in former days while employed as a jeweler. There are many advantages in the proposed new coins over the present ones, not only as to the convenience and appearance, but in giving them a clear metallic ring, which is not now the case. The Mint has furnished specimens of the new coins, which excite general admiration.

THE GEORGIA RECONSTRUCTION CASE.

The bill of injunction in the so-called case of the State of Georgia *vs.* Gen. GRANT et al., which was before the Supreme Court yesterday, and the consideration of which was postponed until the December term, was the old Georgia bill, originally filed by Judge BLACK and others, amended for the third time. The first portions of the bill charge the respondents ULYSSES S. GRANT, GEORGE L. MEADE, THOMAS H. RUGER and CHARLES F. ROCKWELL, with taking possession of certain lands and public buildings, the property of the State of Georgia. The amended portion sets forth that GEORGE L. MEADE, in obedience to orders from ULYSSES S. GRANT, has taken possession of a railroad running from Atlanta to Chattanooga, also the property of Georgia. It will be remembered that Gen. MEADE has lately seized this road and its funds, to pay the expenses of the Reconstruction Convention. I notice the amended bill had only been regularly served on Gen. GRANT, and Judge BLACK yesterday appeared in court and asked that argument might proceed upon the other parties being notified informally. This was denied, when Judge BLACK remarked that such decision would throw the case out of this term. The Chief Justice, however, decided that argument could not proceed until all the parties had been personally served with notice and regular return made of service in the bill. The military officers, whose names appear, are treated in all respects as citizens, and thus their authority, under the Reconstruction law is denied, although the Court allowed the bill to be filed without argument as to the question whether Georgia was a State in such a sense as gave her the right to appear as a party in the Supreme Court. It was in no sense an expression of opinion on the part of the Court that Georgia was a State. A minority of the Court desired, however, to have each question met as it was presented, and desired to hear arguments first upon the question whether Georgia was a State; but the majority thought best to get the whole subject involved before the Court at once; and so, as the matter now stands, when the case comes up in December, all the questions concerning reconstruction will be brought directly before the Court for argument and decision. The result is that, as I have previously stated, the wholé matter will undoubtedly be abandoned, as it is probable that Georgia wil become a State under Congressional rule before December, and that her officers will withdraw the authority of Judge BLACK and his colleagues to act as her representatives in the case.

THE LOUISIANA ELECTION.

It is evident from the information received from Louisiana that the Republicans will fail to elect their candidates at the coming election, unless they previously conciliate the serious differences which now exist in that party. It is also probable that the Constitution will be defeated for the same reasons, as it will not receive the unanimous support of the party. Judge COOLEY, of Parish Point Coupe, one of the leading Republican members of the Convention, refused to sign it after its passage.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, March 28.

THE UTAH CONTESTED ELECTION.

The Committee of Elections has placed the Utah contested election case in the hands of Mr. CHANDLER, one of its members, to prepare a report in view of all the facts. The friends of Mr. HOOPER say that, although the allegation was made before the Committee, no proof was produced to show that he has taken an oath as a member of the Order of Melchisedek, in hostility to the Government of the United States.

THE WEEKLY CURRENCY STATEMENT.

The fractional currency received from the Printing Bureau for the week ending to-day amounted to $413,500. The amount supplied during the same period was:

Assistant Treasurer at New-York	$100,000
Assistant Treasurer at New-Orleans	100,000
United States Depository at Baltimore	70,000
National Banks and others	167,280
Total	$437,280

United States notes forwarded amounted to:

Assistant Treasurer at New-York	$2,000,000
Assistant Treasurer at New-Orleans	50,000
National Banks and others	92,174
Total shipment of notes	$2,142,174

The Treasurer of the United States holds in trust as security for National Banking Associations, the following amounts:

For circulation	$341,643,400
And for deposits of public money	38,177,950
The National Bank Notes issued during the week amounted to	170,760,000
Total amount issued to date	307,020,091

From this deduct the following:

Mutilated notes returned	$6,783,755
Notes of insolvent banks redeemed and burned by the United States Treasurer.	389,780
Leaving in actual circulation at this date	299,846,476
Fractional currency redeemed and destroyed during the week	400,010

THE DE SOTO AT KINGSTON.

The Navy Department has information of the arrival at Kingston, Jamaica, of the United States steamer *De Soto*, Commodore BOGGS, commanding, after a rough passage of six days from Hampton Roads.

POSTAL CONVENTION.

An official proclamation is made of the Postal Convention between the United States and the Colonial Government of Hong Kong. The mails are to be carried by the direct line of American packets plying between San Francisco and Hong Kong *via* Yokohama, Japan.

THE ALABAMA ELECTION.

The Secretary of War sent to the House today in compliance with a resolution of that body the official report of Major-Gen. MEADE to Gen. GRANT, dated Alabama, March 23, giving the following analysis of the returns of the vote in Alabama at the election submitting to the registered voters the Constitution framed by the Convention of that State:

Total vote cast for the Constitution, 70,812; against 1,005; total at the election, 71,817. Of that vote there were colored, 62,194; white, 8,703; not separated, 2,921; of the colored vote, for the Constitution, 62,089; against, 105; whites, 5,802 for, 900 against. A comparison of the vote cast in October last for the Convention with the present election shows white vote for Convention, 18,583; white vote for Constitution, 5,802; loss on Constitution, 12,751; colored vote for Convention, 71,930; for Constitution, 62,089; loss on Constitution, 9,641; total loss of vote on the Constitution from the vote of the Convention, 22,392. By a careful examination of the official returns at Gen. MEADE's Headquarters, the registration lists show prior to the recent revision in the number of registered voters in the State, 166,685, the last revision adds 3,946; total registration, 170,631. In comparing the vote cast at the election with the registered vote, Gen. MEADE says he has deemed it no more than just to deduct the registered vote in such counties as have been rejected in the election. It will be seen that in two counties (Dale and Henry) no election was held, that in Lowndes the ballot boxes were stolen, and in Sumter only a partial election was held and the vote rejected by the registrar on the ground of illegality. The registered vote of all four of these counties should be deducted from the registration, and the partial vote in Sumter thrown out. Adopting this basis, the total registration, as above, is 170,631; less the registration of four counties, 13,686. Registration in counties where votes were cast, 156,945; one-half the amount required for ratification was 78,473. Now the total vote at the election was 71,817. Deducting the vote in Sumter, rejected, 1,455, the actual vote cast in the election was 10,359, and the Constitution fails of ratification by 8,114; that is to say, the whole vote cast in those counties where the election was held, falls short of one half of the registered voters in those counties by 8,114, and the Constitution, therefore, under the law requiring one half the registered voters to cast their votes is not ratified. Gen. MEADE says in conclusion: The Constitution failing of ratification the measures to be adopted become questions of importance. I have deemed it my duty to turn over to the President of the Convention the returns of the election for members of Congress and State and County officers, but I have not authorized the issue of certificates of election until the questions connected with the Constitution are definitely settled. I have received, and transmit herewith, a letter from several members of the Republican organization in Alabama, urging a recommendation on my part of immediate admission of the State by Congress, maintaining that the recent election, when properly explained, will show a majority of the registered voters as being in favor of the measure. I regret extremely that it is not in my power to coincide with these gentlemen, and cannot concur with them in their views. Acknowledging the importance of the State being at the earliest moment restored to her proper relations in the Union, I cannot but look on the result of the recent election as an expression of opinion that the registered voters do not desire to be restored under the Constitution submitted to them, and in view of the recent act of Congress, giving ratification to a majority of the votes cast, I would prefer seeing the Convention reassembled for a revision of the Constitution, and the revised Constitution submitted to the people under the new law. I am of the opinion that a revised constitution, more liberal in its terms and confined to the requirements of the Reconstruction laws, would, in Alabama—as I have reason to expect it will in Georgia and Florida—meet with the approval of the majority of the registered voters, and I beg leave to call your attention to the difficulty of carrying on a Government in a State where so small a population of those qualified to take part in the Government are in favor of the organic law, and to insure a larger proportion of what must be the governing class a more acceptable Constitution, should be presented to them for adoption.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatricals in New-York.

The most difficult thing in the world of amusements is to add novelty to the time-honored acts of the circus-ring; for the circus is the very home of conservatism, unaffected by fashion and unchanged by time. The long hose and the fanciful gold and silver laces of the riders, the cushioned backs of the horses, the banners, the hoops, the papered balloons, and the other trappings of the circle; finally, the sleek and well-oiled ring-master and the motley clown, look the same to our eyes as they did to the eyes of the fathers of generations past; and the children of the generation s to come—as long as ring and riders and trappings and clown shall last—will go home, as they do now, and smash the looking glass while trying to keep up the three balls, in imitation of Signor Blanki, and scrape the varnish off the bedstead trying to turn handsprings, and flatten their beautiful noses practicing the great principal act on the bare-backed chair! Certainly, however, where traditional sameness forms so large a portion of the pleasure as it does in the circus, novelty is hardly more desirable than it is attainable. Excellence of execution is the only thing that can reasonably be looked for, and we have that at Mr. LENT's New-York Circus. This worthy gentleman has done wonders in improving what has been considered unimprovable. The ring performances under his iron tent are full of spirit and variety, and some of the most agile somersault throwing on horseback we have ever seen is done by Mr. W. DUTTON. The RUNNELLS boys, too, display a courage and expertness rarely seen in acrobatic posturers of such tender years. Miss WATSON—who has the field all to herself since Mlle. DE BERG's unlucky ride a fortnight ago—is certainly one of the nimblest of riders, and she does some unheard-of things in something more than a ladylike style. Hoops being the fashion, Miss WATSON leaps through a greater number in one minute than any of her sex does in any morning of their lives. Little EDDIE, who does some remarkable things on the tight-rope, and the enviable composure of the dancing horses, *Lavinia* and *Minna*, are rightly honored with noisy demonstrations of delight. Mr. JOE PENTLAND is by far the best of the two clowns; still, Mr. WILLIAMS' drolleries largely contribute to the enjoyment of the younger members of the audience. All these pleasant performers, however, merely serve to introduce the new star of the arena here—"The Cynocephalus." Since the *début* of this clever little animal on Monday last, the patrons of the Circus have been fully excited about him. He is, as we have already described him, a baboon, who goes through his act with a slender chain about his neck, by which he is held in check by the trainer, Mr. OLIVIER. "The Cynocephalus" is not a deception, that is a certainty. There is nothing human about him, except his grotesque and ludicrous imitation of humanity, as seen in the conventional circus-rider. Nothing half so amusing as this has been shown in New-York for a season.

Mr. E. L. DAVENPORT is to have an opportunity of playing several of his best parts at Wallack's Theatre, before he leaves the City for California. "Rosedale," though but just started on another prosperous run, is to be withdrawn after next Saturday, and on the 6th of April, Mr. DAVENPORT, Miss ROSE EYTINGE and Mr. J. W. WALLACK will appear in "Oliver Twist." Mr. DAVENPORT has been acting during the past week at the Park Theatre, Brooklyn.

The season at the New-York Theatre is to be prolonged during the present week, to enable some members of the company to take benefits. Monday night Mr. J. B. SCHELL, the scenic artist, and Mr. DENHAM, the carpenter of the house, offer their names for patronage; on Tuesday, Mr. G. H. CLARKE will make his appeal, and intends to revive "Light at Last;" on Thursday Mr. BONIFACE, for his benefit, will play *Hamlet* and on Friday evening Mr. HENRY TRESINGTON, the very excellent conductor of the orchestra, will appeal to his friends, with Mr. J. K. MORTIMER in "A Bull in a China Shop," and Mr. LEFFINGWELL in "Too Much for Good Nature," as his programme. The season at the New-York will close on Saturday, and after a week's recess the theatre will reopen (on Easter Monday) with Mr. MOLYNEAUX ST. JOHN's version of "La Belle Hélène."

Mr. DAN BRYANT expects to inaugurate his new hall, and reappear in the Ethiopian Minstrelsy business about the 15th of May. His little theatre in Tammany Hall will be a gem among our local temples of public amusement.

Mme. RISTORI will reappear in New-York on the 23d of May, either in "Sister Teresa" or "Marie Antoinette." She will very likely play her farewell engagement at Pike's Opera House.

GEORGE CHRISTY, the negro comedian, is shortly to go to Europe.

Mr. LACY, who has been personating *Harlequin* in the pantomime of "Humpty Dumpty," at the Olympic Theatre, met with an accident last week, and his part had to be given to Mr. WALLACE, another member of the company. In one of his "blind" leaps through the scene, Mr. LACY sprang too far and could not be caught by the men placed behind to receive him. He struck the flooring, and his hurts were quite severe. Miss EMILIE RIGL has been replaced also, in the part of *Columbine*, by Mlle. LAURENT. The theatre continues to be thronged every night and at the *matinées* on Wednesday and Saturday.

Mr. BOOTH expects to have his new theatre ready for opening by the first of November at the latest; and his business manager, Mr. MAGONIGLE, announces that he is ready to receive applications for engagements.

Notes of Country Theatricals.

The dramatic season at the Varieties Theatre, New-Orleans, will end on the 28th. Mr. W. R. FLOYD, the manager, will return to New-York early in April. The year has been anything but prosperous as far as theatricals were interested, in the South, and especially have managers and stars suffered in New-Orleans. From a reliable correspondent we learn that:

"The principal currency in circulation is a local one, denominated 'city notes;' and although at the opening of the season the small issues (one, two and three shillings) were at par, they were rejected by the banks, and would not be received on deposit. The larger notes varied from 15 to 20 per cent. discount. Greenbacks were very seldom presented at the theatres, and, as these 'city notes' were taken everywhere in trade, they could not be refused at the box-office. This was all very well while it lasted, but lately brokers and speculators began to manipulate, and a rapid depreciation of the city currency was the result. Large notes were refused entirely on the 15th of March, and the small ones are now only taken at 35 and 40 per cent. discount. In many places they are refused entirely—but the theatres must receive them or get nothing. And that is how they stand now."

DAN BRYANT is in New-York.

The FLORENCES are in Chicago at present; on the 6th of April they commence an engagement of five nights' duration in Detroit.

Miss RACHEL JOHNSON and Mr. B. MAGAULEY played "Leah, the Forsaken," in Toledo, Ohio, last Monday and Tuesday.

Miss JULIA DALY terminated an engagement at the Griswold Opera House, Troy, last evening. Mr. GAYLER's comedy, "Our Female American Cousin" was the play.

A magician named HASELMEYER, who calls himself "the Preceptor of HARTZ and HERRMANN," is giving sleight-of-hand performances in Washington.

An opera troupe from New-Orleans is to introduce the "Grand Duchess" to the Milwaukee public in April.

Mrs. F. W. LANDER appeared as *Elisabeth* in Buffalo, last week.

Our estimable broken-English tragedian, Mr. BANDMANN, is spoken of by *Punch* as "a clever German actor who appears to have learned his English in Ireland."

The Bostonians have recently been presented with busts of MOZART, BEETHOVEN and PALESTINA for their Music Hall, by CHARLOTTE CUSHMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. WALLACK have been acting in Rochester during the past week.

OLIVE LOGAN gave her "stage-struck" entertainment in Cincinnati on Friday last.

Mobile is without any theatrical entertainment. The theatre closed on the 23d. Mr. EDWIN ADAMS concluded a very brief engagement on the 20th.

Mrs. GLADSTONE commenced an engagement in Charleston, S. C., on the 20th. She was advertised to appear as the "Corsican Brothers" and "Dora Sunnyside." Contrasts, to say the least.

In Augusta, Ga., a theatrical company, managed by a Mr. JOHN TEMPLETON, produced for the first time in that city, the play of "Mazeppa." Miss KATE RAYMOND was the *Casrimer* of the interesting occasion.

The Savannah public, at last accounts, were enjoying the opera of "Faust," given by "H. GRAU's German Opera Troupe." Who is H. GRAU?

A German dramatic association is playing for charitable purposes in New-Haven. These are the only entertainments which are given in that place at present.

In Philadelphia, the Chestnut-street Theatre is at present closed, to admit of stage alterations for the production of the "Black Crook." At the Assembly Buildings all the living curiosities which escaped the recent destructive conflagration at Barnum's Museum are now on exhibition. At the Walnut-street Theatre Mr. EDWIN BOOTH will commence a short engagement, appearing as *Shylock*.

Mrs. KEMBLE's plan of selling no reserved seats, in order to compel an early attendance of all who wish to hear her readings, has not worked well in Philadelphia, it seems. It was pursued throughout the first course; but last week another course was advertised—with "reserved seats" for those who wanted them.

The Albanians have no theatre, and their amusements are furnished by minstrel troupes and Blind TOM. The latter appears next week.

Mr. DICKENS' six farewell readings in Boston begin on Wednsday next and end on April 8.

Notes of Foreign Theatricals.

Mr. BOUCICAULT is to produce a new "local" drama at the Princess' Theatre next season, to be called, "London by Night." "Foul Play" will be produced earlier. Mr. H. D. PALMER announces himself as the "literary proprietor" of the unpublished MSS. of these plays.

A portrait of the beautiful MENKEN, in conjunction with the poet SWINBURNE, it is said, appears in London shop windows.

One evening recently the management of the new Greenwich Theatre, London, announced a grand extra night, on which occasion "the beautiful and accomplished" Miss ADAH ISAACS MENKEN was to appear. A very numerous audience met to do honor to the occasion, but placards were posted at all the entrances stating "that owing to a legal impediment, Miss MENKEN would not be able to perform that evening, but would do so on some future occasion."

A Mr. H. FORREST, announced as "The Great American tragedian," has appeared in Dublin as *Metamora*, the last of the Wampanoags. The correspondent of the London *Era* "fears" that Mr. FORREST's "success at this side of the Atlantic will be hardly so great as what we are led to believe he has achieved on the opposite shores."

Mr. MACREADY, the tragedian, has sold his large collection of rare engravings at auction. He had affixed his autograph to each picture.

They have stirring dramas at the Surrey and Marylebone theatres occasionally. The latest sensation produced at the latter is in two acts only and is called "The Giant's Tomb and Eleanor the Accursed; or, The Sin and Sorrow of Twenty Years."

The Liverpool papers express regret that Mr. H. J. BYRON (the dramatist) has been under the necessity of abdicating the management of their three leading theatres owing to the meagre and ungrateful patronage bestowed on him by the public.

The London *Court Journal* notices that Miss BATEMAN's success through the English provincial towns continues, and that the Press, as usual, speaks in the highest terms of her, and in the lowest of the piece by Dr. MOSENTHAL. What a disagreeable fate for the untalented author to be always thus mentioned to his detriment as a literary man in connection with the high-flown favor bestowed on the actress!

The newest piece in the London theatres is a farce by T. J. WILLIAMS, called the "Silent Protector," this title referring to the expedient of a young lady who, having a glut of admirers, and being without friends, suspends over her mantelpiece a portrait, which has been bought at a broker's shop, but which she passes off as her intimate husband. The real original of the portrait is, of course, unknown to her; but by one of those violent coincidences proper to farce, he soon makes his appearance in the shape of one *Mr. Quickdraft*, who bolts into her house to escape the pursuit of Sheriff's officers, and thus an acquaintance is begun, which in due time results in matrimony, so that the picture does represent the future husband after all.

The Prince of Wales has constituted a new order of merit, awarded solely to members of the theatrical profession. It consists of sending for a performer, who waits upon the Prince in the Royal box, and receive a few words of congratulation and praise. In this way Mr. BANDMANN was some little time ago complimented at the Lyceum, and on Friday night Mr. TOOLE, whose performance of "Michael Garner" in *Dearer than Life* is an admirable bit of characteracting, was sent for by the Prince in his box.

The new opera of "Hamlet" is said by the correspondents of the London Press to have been a success in Paris, particularly for CHRISTINE NILLSON, whose fair Northern complexion, tall yet slight figure, and golden hair, admirably suited the *rôle* she undertook. The scenery of the fourth act is specially admired. A river, forest, a lake, scattered islands, (on one of which *Ophelia* has taken refuge,) the foliage, the fresh Spring flowers, the verdure and air of Spring which pervade this scene are said to be delicious. Mlle. NILLSON is here dressed in white, her long fair hair interwoven with ferns, primroses, violets and other flowers; but in the madness scene her costume is exquisite; her dress of silk, brocaded with silver and fringed with pearls, is of the palest and most ethereal blue, so becoming to her fair coloring; she wears a pearl necklace of several rows, and a comb of pearls, over which her long, fair golden hair falls most gracefully.

It is said that the Porte St. Martin, which is seeking for a sensation to attract a fickle public that has eloped with the *Biche au Bois*, intends to permit smoking in the house—at any rate, for a short period as an experiment. We have seen the same thing in Holland; but it matters not there—in fact, it gives an air of reality, as the fog without is personated by the "bacca" fog within.

The *Pall-Mall Gazette* tells us that the curé of Notre Dame de Lorette addressed his congregation—the most fashionable congregation in Paris—on a recent Sunday, and after scolding them for their stiffneckedness, informed them that whoever should thenceforward attend the representation of a certain wicked play at the Théâtre Français, called "Paul Forestier," should be excommunicated, the curé of the Madeleine having uttered a similar threat on the previous Sunday. M. AUGIER, the Director of the Théâtre Français, on hearing of the ban thus placed upon his establishment, is said to have replied, "Very well, henceforward I shall decline to sell tickets of admission to my theatre to whoever shall attend the representations at the Madeleine and at Notre Dame de Lorette."

The Russians have grown enthusiastic about LUCCA. The students at St. Petersburg entered her box the other night and demanded a *souvenir* in very moving and energetic terms, and the good lady was obliged to give them her scarf and gloves, which they immediately tore up and divided among each other.

ADELINA has sung *Leonora* in "Il Trovatore." The occasion was a benefit for the "charity of St. Joseph."

LING LOOK, a Chinese sword-swallower, was exhibiting recently in Marseilles. Having swallowed the sword as far as the handle, LING fastened to the guard a rifle, pulled the trigger, and discharged the piece. Having failed to seize the sword between his teeth, to guard against the recoil of the rifle, the latter kicked and forced the sword into the coat of his convenient stomach. He fell down a prey to dreadful internal sufferings, when some doctors, who were present, rushed upon the stage, and drew the Celestial's sword from its lugubrious sheath. LING is getting better, and will have no occasion to use his coffin, which always accompanies his baggage.

FOREIGN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE BREMEN STEAMSHIP UNION.

The steamship *Union*, which left Bremen March 14 and Southampton March 17, arrived at this port yesterday, with two days' later intelligence than was at hand by the *China*.

In the British Parliament, the debates upon Irish reform (extensive summaries of which have already been given in our cable dispatches) continued.

The Bucharest papers announced recently that Emperor NAPOLEON, during the Salzburg visit, had promised Emperor FRANCIS JOSEPH his intervention in favor of the annexation of the Danubian provinces to Austria. This report reached the Emperor, who is reported, in official circles, to have contradicted the story in the most formal and emphatic manner.

A Berne dispatch dated March 14, says that the inhabitants of one of the suburbs of Geneva had made a demonstration against the clergy, because the Ignorantine Brethren had been allowed to open a school in the neighborhood. The Communal Council had resigned.

The *Italie* of Florence has the following: "Lord CLARENDON has passed through this city, coming from Rome, and *en route* to Paris. If we believe our informants, we have positive reasons for thinking that the sojourn of the noble lord in the Eternal City has not failed to modify his views and sentiments in some degree. When he first passed through Florence he appeared inclined to strongly advise moderation as regards Rome; but now, on his return from that capital, he is said to have expressed sentiments not very favorable to the extreme pretensions of the prelates."

It is announced that the Chancellor of the North German Confederation recently telegraphed to the Minister of the Bund at Constantinople, desiring him to examine at once into the persecutions of Jews stated to have occurred at Jerusalem, and, if requisite, to take active steps for their redress. The North German consul immediately repaired to Jerusalem, and procured the release of RABBI ARJEH from confinement, at the same time removing Dragoman DANUD, the Prussian consular representative, from his post.

In the sitting of the Lower House of the Austrian Reichsrath, March 16, the Minister of the Interior stated that the Government had no thought of abolishing the historical division of the Empire into provinces. On the contrary, it proposed enlarging the autonomy of the different provinces, and carrying out to a certain extent the principle of decentralization.

At the sitting of the Second Chamber of the Netherlands, on March 14, the Government laid upon the table diplomatic documents tending to defend the policy pursued in the Limburg and Luxemburg questions. The papers show that no mention of Holland joining in the guarantee of the neutrality of Luxemburg was contained in the original draft of the London treaty, but that the Government ultimately consented to allow itself to be included, feeling convinced that war would otherwise be inevitable.

The St. Petersburg *Courrier de la Russie*, of March 16, referring to the rumors of Prince NAPOLEON visiting St. Petersburg, says: "We hope these reports may be true; Prince NAPOLEON might then judge for himself of the falsity of the ideas circulated in France respecting the institutions, policy, and aspirations of Russia, and we have no doubt that a change in his personal sentiments would have an influence upon public opinion in France."

Intelligence from Athens up to March 7 says that Russian vessels had arrived with upward of 1,000 refugees from Candia. Sickness prevailed among the numerous Cretans then in Athens. Many persons had perished in Candia from cold and hunger. The Greek steamer *Creta* continued her journeys to and from the island. Insignificant encounters continued to take place between the Turkish troops and the insurgents.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Estimates of the Probable Expenditures of the Abyssinian Expedition.

In the House of Commons, March 16, Capt. VIVIAN asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether the estimate of the probable expenditure on account of the Abyssinian expedition, which was presented to the House in November last, was likely to be exceeded; and if so, whether he was prepared to say to what extent, and what were the circumstances which accounted for the same.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said he believed that it was usual for the House to be content to wait until the Budget was brought forward, in order to see whether the Estimates were exceeded or not, and it was obviously inconvenient to ask for questions to obtain piecemeal statements on the subject from the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Nevertheless, as some anxiety existed on this subject in consequence of statements in the newspapers, he would reply to the question put to him, though his giving an answer on the present occasion must not be considered to form a precedent for the future. In November the First Minister of the Crown stated to the House that if the Abyssinian expedition lasted to the end of April the expenditure would amount to £3,500,000, but that in certain eventualities it might extend to £4,000,000. According to the best means of arriving at a conclusion in his possession at the present time of speaking, he anticipated that the total expenditure in April would be covered by the lower sum.

Captain VIVIAN asked if the right honorable gentleman would lay the estimates on the table.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer declined to do so.

Mr. CHILDERS wished to know if he had correctly understood the right honorable gentleman. The Chancellor of the Exchequer stated that the First Lord of the Treasury had said in November that if the expedition lasted till the end of April, the expense would be so much, but he went on to say that the estimate had not been exceeded. Did he mean to say that in the middle of the month of March the estimate for the expedition till the end of April had not been exceeded?

The CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER—What I stated was, that if the expedition lasted till the end of April, the expense would exceed £3,500,000, and might extend to £4,000000. But I believe that at the present time the whole expedition will be covered by the lower of the two amounts.

Supposed Poisoning of an English Lady of Title.

From the London Star, March 16.

Lady HENRIETTA TICHBORNE died very suddenly on Thursday last, and on Saturday an inquest was held on her body. The gentleman who, by virtue of her acknowledgment of him as her son, is generally knows as SIR ROGER CHARLES DOUGHTY TICHBORNE—although his claim to the baronetcy is yet in dispute—was examined at the inquest, and pretty plainly intimated that he thought the death of Lady HENRIETTA had been caused by unfair means. It appears that on Thursday morning her ladyship, who was staying at Howlett's Hotel, woke in apparently her usual good health. She breakfasted, and at 11:15 she sat down to read the newspaper. At 11:30 she was found dead in her room. At the *post-mortem* examination it was found that her heart was in a diseased state. There were no indications of poison. The surgeon said her death might have been accelerated by absence from food; she was a strict Catholic, and might have been fasting. The verdict of the jury was that death was caused by atrophy and fatty degeneration of the heart. Sir ROGER declared that he had wished the *post-mortem* to be made, because he was fully aware that one of his servants had been offered £1,000 to put him out of the way.

FRANCE.

Further Particulars of the Disturbances at Toulouse.

Paris (March 14) Correspondence of the London Times.

The troubles of Toulouse, of which the conscription for the Garde Mobile was the cause or the pretext, were far more serious than generally supposed or admitted by the official organ of the Government. The last time that Toulouse was the theatre of similar events was in 1841, on the occasion of the census, when M. FOUGUIER, then Procureur-General, showed much firmness. The present affair is the more remarkable that it has a political character. The Restoration was the great period for plots and conspiracies—Bonapartist and Republican; the Government of July and the Republic for open revolt in the streets; but it cannot be denied by the worst enemy of the Imperial rule that material tranquillity has been well maintained for the last fifteen years. The few outbreaks that occurred had little to do with politics, and were promptly put down. This of Toulouse, however, resembles more the troubles of LOUIS PHILIPPE's reign. A body of workingmen, summoned to attend the Council of Revision for the Garde Mobile, marched in column to the Place du Capitol, the principal square of Toulouse, actually singing the *Marseillaise*, and shouting, it is said, *Vive la République* and *A bas l'Empire*. The troops who tried to clear the place were repulsed, and the alarm was so great that people shut up their shops. In the Place St. Etienne it was with difficulty that the mounted gendarmes and the soldiers of the line kept back the crowds. Artigatfall guns were planted in both squares, and the bridges were occupied by troops, in order to prevent a threatened manifestation during the night. Gen. DE GUYON, who has been for some weeks in Paris, had to return on Thursday in all haste to the seat of his command. Acts of violence were committed. The crowd invaded the Central Police Office, smashed the lamps in the streets and the windows of the Hotel de Ville. The General and Mayor have issued proclamations announcing confidence in the generally pacific and loyal spirit of the people, and declaring that stringent measures would be taken against any persons that might attempt to provoke fresh disorders. A telegram, dated yesterday, announces that the most complete tranquility then prevailed, and that the town had resumed its usual appearance.

No more is placed on the tables, but each player signs an I. O. U. for 100, 200 or 1,000 louis, in exchange for which he receives counters, the value of each varying from 100 francs to 10,000 francs, and he may renew his supply (of course giving his bond) as often as he pleases during the evening. The game over, the transaction is settled in hard cash at the special office of the *cercle*, over which a cashier presides. Every player is obliged to cash his I. O. U.'s within a fortnight. The favorite game is *baccarat*—whist is voted slow. Dice are not popular.

The censorship of theatrical pieces in Rome is intrusted to a canon of the See of Rome and a functionary of the police. They each use their scissors—the first in the name of morality, and the second in that of political expediency. They are assisted by a literary hack, whose duty it is to join together dissevered parts. These clever people always set to work with great determination, and the result of their labors may be readily imagined.

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DIED.

ALLEN.—On Thursday, March 26, Mrs. JANE ALLEN, aged 70 years.

The relatives and friends of the family, also of her nephews, Peter, John and George Nugent, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 74 Canal-st., on Sunday, March 29, at 2 o'clock.

BARBOUR.—At New-Brighton, S. I., on Saturday, March 28, HENRY M. BARBOUR, aged 44 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral at his late residence, on Tuesday, 31st inst., at 12 o'clock. Boat leaves Pier No. 19, North River, at 10½.

BLISS.—In New-York, on Saturday, March 28, GERUSHA BLISS, aged 88 years.

His remains will be taken to Springfield, Mass., for interment.

DAVEY.—Suddenly, on Friday evening, March 27, Miss MARGARET DAVEY, aged 19 years, 7 months and 18 days, daughter of Ann Davey, and adopted daughter of Jacob Weeks.

Her friends and relatives and also the friends and relatives of Jacob Weeks, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of Jacob Weeks, No. 58 3d-st., on Sunday afternoon at 4½ o'clock.

GILMORE.—On Friday, March 27, after a short illness, of diphtheria, FREDERICK RIDDELL GILMORE, youngest son of James and Janet Gilmore, aged 3 years and 23 days.

Residence No. 158 9th-av.

GOODRICH.—At New-Haven, Conn., on Friday, March 27, of disease of the heart, Rev. CHAUNCEY GOODRICH, in the 81st year of his age.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral on Monday, March 30, at his late residence, New-Haven, at 2½ P. M., and at the Centre Church at 3 P. M.

GREENE.—

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—March 28, 1868.

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5,000 do.... 106
2,000 N. Y. St. 7s Bounty Loan.... O 12⅝
2,000 Tenn. bt. 6s...c-o 60⅜
25,000 Tenn. 6s, new.... 64⅜
4,000 Missouri 6s.... 87
1,000 Chic. & N. W. 6s.... 91
1,000 Tol. & W. 1st M 6 91
1,000 Mor. & Es. 2d M. 87
30,000 M. & St. P. 1st M 6 80
10,000 Pitts. & F. W. 1st 6 85
3,000 Vir. 6s, new.... 49
20,000 do.... b3 65
10,000 N. Car. 6s....x-o 65½
25,000 N. C. 6s, new.... 50½
5,000 N. Y. Cen. 6s, '83.... 99⅜
2,000 do.... b3 104⅝
200 W. U. Tel.... 85
250 Erie R.... 71⅞
100 do.... c 71⅝
300 Mich. So. & N. I.... 88⅜
100 do.... 88⅝
100 Mich. So. & N. I. pf.... 99⅜
100 Reading R.... 91⅛
1000 do.... c 91⅜
100 Tol., W. & W.... 43
100 Mil. & St. P.... 56½

200 Canton Co.... 46¼
300 do.... b30 47
100 Union Nav.... 25¼
100 do.... b10 26
100 do.... b30 26
300 Adams Ex.... 73½
100 do.... b15 73½
25 do.... 73⅝
100 do.... 73¾
2 Am. Ex.... 68
200 Mer. U. Ex.... 34¾
500 do.... 35
5 do.... 34½
100 do.... b5 35
1600 N. Y. Cen.... 122⅝
200 do.... 122
100 Erie R.... 71¾
200 do.... b30 72
100 do.... 72
2000 O. & Miss. R.... 29⅝
500 H. & St. J. Pf.... 83
100 Clev. & Pitts.... 99½

200 Illinois rec., 1869.... 100
$1,000 Ill. 6s, coup., '79 aft. 1868.... 100
11,000 Ill. 6s, coupons, '75 aft. 1862.... 100
Augusta c. 6s, '79 aft. 1868.... 100
Illinois c. 6s '71 aft. 1870.... 100⅜
Illinois coupon 6s, 1877.... 100
Illinois coupon 6s, 1879.... 100⅜
200 North Carolina 6s.... 70
North Carolina 6s, n. c.... 65⅜
North Car. 6s, n. b.... 69
$1,000 Missouri 6s.... 87
Mis. R. & St. Jo. 8.... 78
California 7s.... 103⅜

And the following for the City Bank Stocks:

Merchants'	118¼	Irving	105
Mechanics'	123¾	Metropolitan	133
City	180	Market	115
Phenix	106	Nassau	107
National	112	Shoe and Leather	112¾
Merchants' Exch'ge	114	Corn Exchange	114
Seventh Ward	111	Continental	103
State of New-York	113¾	St. Nicholas	105
Commerce	118	Commonwealth	107
Mec. B. Association	116	Impt'rs. & Traders'	125
Ocean	102¼	Park	147
American Exchange	118	Manuf's & Mercnants	103
Chatham	146	Centra National	105
Bank of the Republ.	111	Fourth National	104¾
Bank of N. America	105	Ninth National	104½
Hanover	112	Tenth National	100

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1883	95	Tol. & W. 1st M. Ex.	91
N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. Es.	92	Tol. & W. 2d M.	82
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Sub'n	92½	Tol. & W. Equip. b'ds	70
N. Y. Cen. 7s, 1876	112¾	Gt. Western 1st M. '93	106⅞
N. Y. Cen. 7's coup. 1876	119	Gt. Western 1st M. '88	86
N. Y. Cen. 7s, 1865-76	119¼	Gt. Western 2d M. '93	76
Erie 1s, 2d ind., 1870	102	Ills. & So. Iowa 1st M.	72
Erie 7s, 2d ind., 1880	94	Chi. & R. I. Pac. 1s	94½
Erie 7s, 4th ind., 1888	90	Morris & Essex 2d M.	93
Buff., N. Y. & Erie, 1st 7	94¼	Cleve. & P. 2d M.	96
Mich. Cen. 8s, 1st M.	82	Chi. & Alton S. F.	93
Mich. So. 7 3-10 2d M.	93	Chi. & Alton 8s, 1st M.	96
Mich. S. & N. I. S. F. 7s	101	Dub. & Sioux C. 1st M.	86
Mich. Cen. 7 3-10 c. 1870	115	Peninsula R. R. bonds	82
Alton & T. H. 1st M.	93	Mil. & St. Paul 1st M.	89
Alton & T. H. 2d M. pf.	83	Mar. & Cin. 1st M.	90
Alton & T. H. 2d M. Inc.	80	Chic. & Mil. 1st M.	87½
Chic. & N. W. int. Bds.	90	Chi. & Gt. East. 1st M.	85
Con. 7 ⅜ cent. conv.	87	N. Y. & N. H. 6s.	97
Con. 7 ⅜ cent. 1st M.	87½		

The day's business at the office of the United States Assistant Treasurer was as follows: Total receipts, $2,864,430 19; total payments, $1,844,948 38; balance, $101,813,627 26. The receipts include for Customs, $572,000; for Gold Notes, $420,000.

The *World*, in its issue of Monday last, undertook to cast doubt upon the correctness of the figures furnished by Director DELMAR to the Sub-Committee on Retrenchment on the subject of the whisky tax in this country. The Committee asked for the facts and the Director's opinion. The Director gave the facts and asked to be excused from giving any opinion, it being contrary to his views of duty, he said, to express opinions while he was regarded as authority for facts. The facts given were very numerous and interesting. The history of the whisky tax was traced from 1792 to 1801, again from 1814 to 1816, and lastly from 1863 to 1867. Compared with the total gross revenues of the Government, the revenue from the inland taxes on distilled spirits during the first period was as 1 to 25; and during the second period as 1 to 15; and during the third period again as 1 to 15. As the *World* now controverts these results, it is in honor bound to publish the figures upon which its conclusions are based. The Director's figures are a matter of public record, and are not to be doubted upon the mere *ipse dixit* of the *World*. As for the argument it makes against the director's opinion, the whole thing is absurd, since the Director not only expressed no opinion at all, but made a very appropriate and commendable point of the fact in the document itself.

The following is the result of the special meeting of the Stockholders of the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad Company on the 26th inst.:

We, the undersigned, appointed and qualified as Inspectors of Election, do hereby certify that at a meeting of the Stockholders of the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad, held this 26th day of March, 1868, the following resolution was offered for adoption:

Resolved, That by and under the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of Ohio, of April 11, 1858, the Directors of the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad Company are hereby authorized, at their discretion, to increase the capital stock of the Company to the amount of ten per cent. of the present capital stock, and to divide the same among the shareholders *pro rata* on the amount of stock held by them respectively at this date, as shown by the books of the Company, and under such provisions as to fractional shares as the Directors deem proper.

That there were cast for this resolution 76,558 votes, that being the whole number of votes cast, we do therefore declare said resolution unanimously adopted.

SAMUEL REDFIELD,
P. F. GEISSE,
D. C. LIST,
Inspectors of Election.

The Directors will meet in New-York to act upon the foregoing recommendation, about the 10th April, when the President, Mr. MCCULLOCH, will be in this City.

The earnings of the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad for the year ending November 30, 1866 and 1867, as reported in the *American Railroad Journal*, were as follows:

	1866.	1867.
From passengers	$788,222 77	$640,793 63
From freight	1,498,631 56	1,430,632 43
From miscellaneous	64,351 50	68,824 54
Total	$2,351,905 83	$2,140,160 60
Expenses, viz.:		
Motive power and cars.	$627,880 03	$581,698 74
Maintenance of way and structures	494,567 48	428,367 66
Transportation expenses	369 874 99	307,189 36
General expenses	204,857 67	171,552 07
Total	$1 697,179 47	$1,488,807 83
Earnings less expenses	$654,726 36	651,842 77
Add receipts from P., Ft. W. & C. R.	256,055 73	158,171 08
Net earnings	$910,792 09	$809,513 85
From which there has been paid:		
Mortgage interest, &c.	$268,129 99	
Lease of P., Ft. W. & C. Railway track	80,000 00—	348,129 99
Leaving as balance of the year's business		$461,383 86

From this amount there has been paid the dividend of Sept. 16, 1867, $284,338 15, and the remainder has been expended in real estate, and new structures and improvements.

Upon the gross earnings the total expenses are 69½ ₱ cent., of which the operating expenses are 61⅝ ₱ cent., and showing, compared with the previous year, a decrease in expenses of 2½ ₱ cent.

During the year 1,971 tons of new rail, and 70,782 cross-ties have been laid in the main track, side tracks have been extended, and new sidings constructed, to an extent of 13,468 feet.

The equipment of the road, Nov. 30, 1867, consisted of 63 locomotives, 32 first-class and 5 second-class passenger cars, 13 baggage, 9 express and 1,274 freight, &c., cars.

Miles run by passenger trains, 380,749; by freight trains, 596,196; by other trains, 452,670; by mixed trains on Tuscarawas branch, 23,063—total, 1,451,678, an increase over the previous year of 10,997.

The number of tons of coal transported in 1866 was 260,155; in 1867, 243,588—an increase of 43,433. The tonnage of ore in 1866 was 89,893; in 1867, 82,155—a decrease of 7,738.

The number of tons of useful load hauled one mile in 1867 was 69,978,055—an increase over the previous year of 1,059,951. The number of cars hauled one mile in 1867 was 11,746,751—an increase of 17,207.

The number of local passengers carried was 516,-064; through passengers carried, 77,939—total, 594,003. Total mileage of passengers, 19,280,562.

The present financial condition is represented in the following

BALANCE SHEET.

Construction		$9,589,526 64
Machinery and tools		70,115 44
Personal property		84,323 35
Telegraph line		16,913 72
Total construction and equipment		$9,460,879 15
Assets.		
In hands of Treasurer	$103,382 46	
Lawrence R. R. and Trans. Co. stock	10,000 00	
Bills receivable	11,057 79	
Materials at shops	147,472 45	
Net balance personal acts.	228,908 37—	500,821 07
Total		$9,961,700 22
Capital stock		$5,411,925 00
Scrip issues		12,166 40
Total capital		$5,424,091 40
Second mortgage bonds	$1,130,000 00	
Third mortgage bonds	1,603,000 00	
Fourth mortgage bonds	1,096,000 00	
Scrip issues	10,488 79—	1,106,488 79
Mortgage bonds of 1900		135,000 00
Bills payable		39,968 62
Due on bills and pay rolls, audited for account, November		238,900 12
Net earnings		987,251 29
Total as above		$9,961,700 22

President and General Superintendent—J. N. MCCULLOUGH.

Directors—J. N. McCullough, A. Stone, Jr., S. Witt, J. H. Wade, T. P. Handy, J. H. Banker, Jno. Steward, H. C. Stimson, Enos. Slocomb, J. H. Devereux, B. F. Jones, J. W. Chaland.

Vice-President and Superintendent—J. H. Devereux.

Auditor—B. F. Smith.

Secretary and Treasurer—G. A. Ingersoll.

The aggregate amount of imports (other than dry goods and specie) at the port of New-York from foreign ports for the week ending March 27, 1868, was $3,626,993.

The Cincinnati *Price Current* of the 25th inst., in revising its annual Pork-packing statement, gives the following as the final exhibit of the number of hogs packed:

Recapitulation.

Ohio	537,382	557,809
Illinois	851,045	1,068,704
Indiana	829 201	923,978
Iowa	115,141	177,044
Wisconsin	137,060	164,958
Missouri	259,230	350,711
Kentucky	199,442	167,830
Grand totals	2,490,791	2,781,084
Increase in number		290,293

The average weight of hogs, and the yield of leaf lard per hog, for each State, compare with last season as follows:

	Average Weight per Hog.		Yield of Lard per Hog.	
	1867.	1868.	1867.	1868.
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Ohio	204½	205	21¾	24½
Indiana	234½	205⅝	31 9-7	22 1-4
Illinois	281¾	203½	28	22⅜
Kentucky	228	206 1-6	27	22
Missouri	226½	198 7-9	31½	21¾
Iowa	281 1-6	199¼	29 1-7	21¼
Wisconsin	218 3-5	189¾	31½	19

The general averages for all are: Of hogs, 201 lbs., and of leaf lard 21¾ lbs., which compare with the last two seasons as follows:

	Hogs, lbs.	Lard, lbs.
1866	231 3-10	31 1-7
1867	232 1-7	29¾
1868	201	21¾

In order to arrive at the actual result, all that is necessary is to multiply the number packed each season by the general averages of hogs and lard, which results as follows:

Pork, lbs. last year	577,863 512
Pork, les. this year	558,997 884
Decrease in lbs. this year	18,865,628

This is equal to a net decrease in the crop of 3¼ per cent, and makes the crop, as regards the packing in the West, equal to 2,408,741 hogs of last season's average, not including the taking off in the shipments to the East during the packing season, which would further materially reduce the crop.

The number of hogs packed in the West, as reported by the Price Current, since the season of 1849–50, compare as follows:

Year.	No. of Hogs.	Year.	No. of Hogs.
1849-50	1,655,228	1860-61	2,339,872
1850-51	1,332,867	1861-62	2,155,212
1851-52	1,182,846	1862-63	2,235,606
1852-53	2,201,115	1863-64	3,089,520
1853-54	2,234,770	1864-65	164,958
1854-55	2,124,404	1864-65	2,422,679
1855-56	2,486,502	1865-66	1,756,985
1856-57	1,618,486	1866-67	2,490,791
1857-58	2,210,778	1867-68	2,781,084
1858-59	2,466,552		

Previous to 1852-53 the reports were obtained only in part.

The shipments made from the West to the East, the three last packing seasons, compare as follows:

	1865-6.	1866-7.	1867-8.
Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from Wheeling	22,951	29,487	27,641
Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from Parkersburg	7,220	16,556	19,993
Pennsylvania Central Railroad	10,361	472,141	287,250
Dunkirk, Buffalo, Corning & Horsellsville Railroad	13,120	6,533	4,347
Totals	53,483	526,061	339,231
Decrease			186,830

We have the comparative returns from many places and they compare as follows:

This season, barrels	242,367
Last season, barrels	365,846
Decrease this season	123,479

With regard to prime and prime mess, we did not get returns sufficient to make a comparison, excepting those from Chicago, Milwaukee and Louisville, and those have been published. From many places we had reported that the packers really did not know how much had been packed in barrels last season.

LAW REPORTS.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

CONFISCATION—SEIZURE ON LAND—JURISDICTION IN SUCH CASES—INFORMER'S CLAIMS UNDER THE ACT OF 1862.

The United States vs. *Henry S. and John S. Gillett.* Appeal from the Supreme Court of the Territory of New-Mexico. This is another case from New-Mexico under the confiscation act of July, 1862, and under the act of March, 1863, extending the jurisdiction of the District Court of New-Mexico over El Paso and other districts of Texas.

The property seized in this case consisted of real-estate in the County of El Paso, belonging to the Gillett's. The seizure was made by the United States Marshal.

The District Court assumed jurisdiction of the cause and condemned the property as forfeited to the United States, and ordered it to be sold out, half of proceeds, after deduction of all costs and expenses, to go to the Marshal, as informant. Appeal was taken from that decree to the Supreme Court of the Territory, where it was held that the District Court had no jurisdiction under the act of March, 1863, over real-estate in the County of El Paso, Texas, the decree below was reversed, and this appeal is taken to review that reversal, the same point being taken as in a case recently reported, that the act of March, 1863, did extend the jurisdiction of the District Court over the subject matter of the case situated in El Paso.

The respondents deny jurisdiction, and urge that the District Court did not in any case, as a Court of Admiralty, have jurisdiction, in proceedings pursuant to capture on land. In such a case it is asserted, the court sits as a court of common law, and that in all cases at common law the trial must be by jury. The trial is conducted in the same manner, and is subject to the same incidents as an ordinary personal action.

The act of Congress under which the proceeding is instituted provides expressly that the proceeds in such cases "shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States." There is no provision in the act whatever authorizing the payment of any portion of the proceeds to the "informant." For this reason, the reversal of the Supreme Court of the decree of the District Court should be sustained.

Mr. Ashton for Government; Mr. Leech for claimants.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—EASTERN DISTRICT.

Before Judge Benedict.

IN BANKRUPTCY—SPECIFICATION OF OPPOSITION—FRAUD OF BANKER.

In the matter of Chauncey W. Moore.—This was a voluntary proceeding in bankruptcy instituted by Chauncey W. Moore, who appears to have been a member of the firm of C. W. & J. T. Moore & Co. Certain creditors opposing the discharge of this bankrupt have filed specifications of the grounds of their opposition, and thereupon on notice to the bankrupt moved for a trial and for leave to take testimony. The motion was opposed on the part of the bankrupt upon the ground that the grounds of opposition set forth in the specifications consisted of an alleged fraudulent assignment by the firm of C. W. & J. T. Moore & Co. in 1861, long before the passage of the Bankrupt act, and consequently not within the meaning of the 29th section, which it was contended was limited to transactions since the passage of the act.

BENEDICT, J.—It is unnecessary now to express any opinion upon the bare proposition whether the words "fraudulent payment, gift transfer, conveyance or assignment of any part of his property" in the 29th section are to be construed as if limited by the words "contrary to the provisions of this act" or "since the passage of this act" elsewhere and in the section, inasmuch as the specifications in this case appear to me to raise a somewhat different question. It has been specifically held over a fraudulent assignment made in 1861 with the intent to enable the assignors to retain the control of a large amount of property pretended to be assigned, but they go further and aver that this property has ever since been in the charge and custody or under the control of the assignors, or some of them; that no dividend or other distribution of this property has ever been made to the creditors of the assignment; that any of the members of the firm now has in his hands, or under his control, a large amount of property and assets pretended to have been included in that assignment; and that this disposition, detention and custody of the property is with the knowledge, consent and connivance of the petitioner now before the Court. Whether such a state of facts, if proved, would not amount to a fraud within the meaning of the 29th section, which should defeat a discharge, is a question which I am not inclined to pass on finally, by denying a motion like the present. Leave will accordingly be given to take proofs in support of these averments. The present motion also includes an application to amend the 6th specification, which is conceded is not sufficiently specific. The permission will be given, as the opposition in this case is manifestly made in good faith, and the rules governing the specifications could not be considered as settled. The motion is accordingly granted.

IN ADMIRALTY—SUPPLIES TO FOREIGN VESSEL—LIEN.

Bentley C. Bibb vs. *The Steamer Washington Irving.*—This was a libel filed to recover for supplies furnished by the libelant in Baltimore to the steamer, a foreign vessel. The answer denied that the supplies were necessary or were furnished on the request of the owner or the credit of the vessel, and alleged that the owner was in good credit in Baltimore.

Held by the Court—That on the pleadings the libelant was only called on to prove that the supplies were necessary, and that the evidence in the cause makes out that fact; that the answer does not aver facts sufficient to repel the presumption raised by the maritime law in such a case, that where there is an apparent necessity for the credit of the vessel that credit is relied on; that the facts proved do not amount to a defence; they are mainly similar to those in the case of Tall vs. The *Washington Irving*, recently decided in this Court, and are not sufficient to warrant a finding that the transaction was other than the ordinary supplying of the necessities of a foreign vessel. Decree for libelant for the amount of his claim.

For libelant, Messrs. Emerson & Goodrich; for claimant, Messrs. Beebe, Dean & Donohue.

STEAMER CHARTER—REPRESENTATION.

Norman L. Latson vs. *Herman Sturm.*—This was an action on a charter party, the libelant being the owner of the steamer *Gen. McClellan*, chartered here to the respondent for a voyage to Tampico and back. She was taken by the charterer, and dispatched on the voyage. After her arrival at Tampico she was sent by the charterer up the Panuca River, and the libelant alleged that she received some damage in going up there. The libelant sued to recover the balance due on the charter, and the damages occasioned to her by going up the Panuca River, and also consigned by reason of the respondent's not keeping the vessel supplied on the voyage as was agreed.

The defence set up was that misrepresentations were made by the owner as to the speed and capacity of the vessel, and that she was unsound and unfit for the voyage, whereby the respondent was injured; that one purpose of the charter was a sale of the vessel in Mexico, which purpose was known to the libelant, and that by reason of her unsoundness the respondent lost the sale of the vessel and was greatly injured. It appeared on the trial that one of the engines broke down on the voyage. The respondent claimed that this was owing to the unsound condition of the vessel, while the libelant claimed that she was overloaded by the respondent.

Held by the Court—That on the evidence the injury to the engine resulted from the overloading of the vessel; that no misrepresentations were made as to the vessel, but she was chartered on an examination of her by the respondent and his agents, and not on any representations; that the libelant is therefore entitled to recover the balance of the charter money due. That the charterer had no right to take the vessel up the Panuca River, and the injury occasioned to her by going there must be borne by him. That the libelant is entitled to recover for any injury sustained by the vessel in going up that river, and also any sums paid by him on drafts drawn by the master for stores, &c., at Galveston and Key West, all which were by the charter to be borne by the charterer. Decree for libelant accordingly, with a reference.

For libelant, Messrs. Benedict & Benedict; for respondent, Messrs. Beebe, Dean & Donohue.

Before Judge Benedict.

Joseph Gibbs, indicted on a charge of having removed a quantity of whisky in violation of law, was arraigned before the Court yesterday, when he pleaded guilty, and was remanded for sentence.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—MARCH 25.

Before Judge Monell.

THE TAX LEVY ACT OF 1867 A LOCAL STATUTE—THE COURTS WILL NOT TAKE JUDICIAL NOTICE OF IT.

Jacob Bretz vs. *The Mayor, &c., of the City of New-York.*—This action was brought to recover damages for injuries sustained in being thrown from a carriage in the Eighth-avenue in consequence of that street being out of repair. The defendants demurred to the complaint upon the ground that this Court has no jurisdiction of the action. Upon the argument the Court was referred to, and asked to take judicial notice of, a certain act of the Legislature passed April 23, 1867, entitled "An act to enable the Board of Supervisors of the County of New-York to raise money by tax for the use of the Corporation of the City of New-York, and in relation to the expenditure thereof; and to provide for the auditing and payment of unsettled claims against said City and in relation to actions at law against said Corporation."

The sixth section of said act is as follows: "No judgment in actions upon contract made in the year 1865 shall be entered by default or otherwise in any Court against the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, except upon proof in open Court, that the amount sought to be recovered in said judgment still remains unexpended in the City treasury to the credit of the appropriation for the year 1866 for the specified object or purpose upon which the claim sued for is founded; and no action against the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of said City shall be brought in the Supreme Court of the first judicial district, which Court shall have exclusive cognizance of such actions." (See Sess. Laws 1867, pp. 1,596, 1606.)

The demurrer was argued some time ago, and today the following opinion was rendered:

MONELL, J.—The act referred to is not pleaded, but I am asked to take judicial cognizance of it as a public statute. The immediate question before me, therefore, is whether such statute is a public or a mere private or local law. No objection is urged to the complaint other than that the act referred to has deprived this court of jurisdiction of any action against the Corporation of the City of New-York. The question of the validity of the act as conflicting with section sixteen of article three of the Constitution of the State, that "no private or local bill, which may be passed by the Legislature, shall embrace more than one subject, and that shall be expressed on its title," is not properly before me at this time, and I have therefore confined my examination to the only question which is before me. General or public acts are such as relate to or concern the interests of the public at large; and private acts are such as relate to private individuals, or which concerns a particular *species* of some general *genus* or thing. Such are the definitions given in *Smith's Commentaries on Statutes*, section 795. In his enumeration of public acts, he specifies those concerning the King, Queen or Prince, or in the American States, the Government and its coördinate departments; those concerning the whole spirituality; acts concerning trade in general, or which relate to all subjects of the realm; acts which concern all persons though of a special nature, such as acts concerning assizes, or woods, or forests, chases, fisheries, and private acts, when recognized by a public act. And in the enumeration of private acts, are such as relate to a particular place, or to divers particular towns, or to one or divers particular communities, &c. Other acts which in their objects and operations are merely local or limited, are nevertheless treated as public acts, either by virtue of a special clause declaring them to be so, or because, although limited to a particular section or locality, yet they affect the public at large when acting within that section or locality, in reference to matters within the purview of the act. Holland's case, 4 co. 76 a. "The distinction," says Blackstone, (1 Black. Commen., 86,) "between public and private statutes is this: A general or public act is a universal rule that regards the whole community, but a special or private act is rather the exception than the rule." There are statutes which are local in one sense, which are nevertheless public statutes; for it is not necessary to constitute a statute a public act that it should be equally applicable to all parts of the State. It is sufficient if it extends to all persons doing or omitting to do an act within the territorial limits described in the statute. In Pierce *ex.* Kimball, 9 Greenleaf, Rep. 54, an act which provided for the survey of timber in the County of Penobscott, and prohibited sales unless thus surveyed and marked, was held to be a public act, as it operated on all persons. So an act for the preservation of fish in a particular river was pronounced a public act, inasmuch as it was obligatory upon all citizens. Burnham vs. Webster, 5 Mass. Rep., 266. A similar decision was made in Jenkins vs. Union Turnpike Company, 1 Cairns Ca., 86, where the act incorporating the Company contained a clause vesting the road, on a certain event, in the people, and, for that reason it was held to be a public act. And in Bank of Utica vs. Smeeds, 3 Cowen Rep., 684, the Chancellor intimated that the act authorizing the bank to establish a branch office was a public act, because the act incorporating the bank declared it to be a public law. The point, however, was not decided. Again, the act authorizing the railroads of the State to subscribe to the capital stock of another designated railroad was pronounced to be a general law, as it applied to all railroad corporations. White vs. Syracuse and Utica Railroad Company, 14 Barb. Rep., 559. But an act of Congress relative to insolvent debtors within the District of Columbia was held to be only a private statute, of which the State Courts were not bound to take notice. (Wright vs. Patin, 10 John R., 300.) Indeed all the local statutes which have, as far as my observation has gone, been declared to be public statutes, were either penal statutes affecting all citizens who might offend, or statutes of a remedial character where all persons might come within their purview. (Pierce vs. Kimball ubi sup.; Hendik vs. Ayres, 12 Peck Rep., 344.) In the case of The Sun Mutual Insurance Company vs. The Mayor, &c., of New-York, (8 New-York Rep., 4 Selden, 241,) the validity of an act similar to the one I am considering, passed in 1850, was considered; and though it was not decided in that case that the act of 1850 was a private law, yet such result necessarily followed from the decision, which was that the act did not conflict with the constitutional provision to which I have already referred. It the Court had pronounced the act a public statute, the point decided could not have arisen. The case may therefore be regarded as an authority. It has been also recently decided, even in this Court, (Smith vs. The Mayor, &c.,) the other in the Supreme Court of this district, (Putnam vs. The Mayor, &c.,) the same view has been taken. The title of the act under consideration, as well as the subjects embraced in it, are of a purely local nature. It is an act to enable the local authorities to raise money by tax for the use of the Corporation of the City; empowers the Board of Supervisors of the County to cause to be levied and raised by tax, upon the taxable property of the County, for the use of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, an amount equal to the several sums thereinafter stated. Then follows the several sums needed for the support of the City Government. The act is not penal. It relates exclusively to the raising of money by tax levied upon property belonging to the inhabitants of New-York, or such as own property therein; which money is appropriated to the support of the City Government. Its operations are confined to this county, and it has no effect, even of the remotest character, in any other part of the State, or upon the people of any other place. It is an enabling act necessary for the administration of local government, and relates to and affects the interests of this county exclusively, and in which no other part of the State can have any concern. Nor can it be questioned by any others than those who are thus immediately affected by it. By its title, therefore, as well as in all its provisions, in the effect to be given to them, and in the interests it involves, it is, within the definitions I have given, as local and private a law as any that could be enacted. If I am correct that this act, commonly called "the Tax Levy," is a local statute, then it should have been pleaded, and I cannot take judicial notice of it. My decision goes no further, as I have not deemed it either necessary or proper to look into the act to see whether it is or is not exposed to the constitutional objection urged upon the argument. That question can be determined when the act is formally brought to the notice of the Court. There must be judgment for the plaintiff upon the demurrer with costs, with leave to the defendants to withdraw the demurrer and answer the complaint on payment of costs.

For plaintiff, A. H. Reavey. For defendants, D. J. Dean.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Before Commissioner Osborn.

ALLEGED FRAUDULENT TRANSACTION.

The United States vs. *John H. Eagan and William Martin.*—Defendants are charged with fraudulently attempting to procure prize money due the heirs of John Martin, deceased, formerly an employe on a United States steamer. The certificate of the death of Martin was made and signed by Dr. John A. Osborn, whose office is at No. 39 Front-street, Brooklyn. Osborn has already been examined on a charge preferred against him in the matter, but pending the decision in his case he has been used by the Government as a witness against Eagan and Martin. Osborne testifying that they induced him to make and sign the paper by false representations and after getting him intoxicated. Martin was committed for trial, and the further examination in Eagan's case was adjourned.

Before Commissioner Betts.

PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

The United States vs. *Theodore Turner.*—Wm. Kleinhesell, a restaurant-keeper, doing business at No. 124 Chatham-street, caused the arrest of Turner, who, he alleges, passed a counterfeit $10 Treasury note to him in payment for a glass of ale. The prisoner was held for examination.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—MARCH 28.

By Judge Ingraham.

Ann Angevine vs. Levi Angevine; I still think this question as to the legitimacy of the children is improper and should be stricken out. However, as the General Term is about to meet, the question had better be submitted then, and for that purpose I will stay any proceedings in this order to allow such appeal.

Hackley vs. Hope et al.; motion denied, with leave to renew on payment of $10 costs.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—MARCH 28.

By Judge Sutherland.

The Waverley National Bank vs. Mary A. Halsey et al.; judgment for the defendants, dismissing the complaint, &c.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—MARCH 2.

By Chief Justice Robertson.

Wm. Fowler, vs. Charles Huber; motion granted Wm. McKay, vs. Samuel Crump, *et al*; finding settled.

Eliza Adams, vs. Wm. McKellar, *et al.*; motion granted.

Nicholas Doll, vs. P. Louis Foulke, *et al.*; motion granted and proceedings dismissed.

Wm. Austin, vs. Gilbert Giles, *et al.*; motion denied.

H. M. Stewart, vs. Sheldon A. Ball; motion granted without costs.

Wm. M. Smith, *et al.*, vs. Mark J. Bendall; motion granted.

Henry Weil, *et al.*, vs. Morcelin Bourdon, *et al.*; motion denied with $7 costs.

Chas. Dauneberg, vs. Peter Ringel; motion granted with $10 costs to abide the event.

By Judge Barbour.

Elizabeth Russel, vs. The Metropolitan Ins. Co.; case and amendments settled; papers in Clerk's office.

SURROGATE'S COURT.

Before Gideon J. Tucker, Surrogate.

WILLS ADMITTED.

The wills of the following deceased persons have been admitted to probate during the past week: John Cartin, Isaac Guenther, Jacob Le Roy, Samuel Fox Johnston, Daniel H. Curtis, Conrad Fleischauer, Sarah Hayward, John D. Hanniston, Ira Campbell, Maria Van Zandt, Elizabeth L. Heitman and Franz Briton.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED.

Letters of administration have been granted upon the estates of the following persons: Frederick Imhof, Christopher B. Hoffman, Peter E. Gamble, Wm. Bryant, Daniel Schaffner, Fitz Muller, A. S. Miller, David Bowne, Ann Hillier, John Henry Stroeker, Regina Solinger, Julia Kinstle, Wm. Hoffman, Jane Smallie, Josiah B. Hammond, Hester Valentine, Mary Carr, James Kenny, Wm. J. Williams, Augustus H. Mansfield, Samuel Reid, Elias Adler, Chas. S. Warren, Margareta Kapper, Wynan Buck, Stephen Hills, Jr., Edmund Gee, Wm. H. Lingo, John Trohey and Elizabeth Brandt.

GUARDIANS APPOINTED.

Guardianship papers have been issued to the following persons: Beulah Withers guardian of H. Van Allen, Anderson; Julius Kotzenberg or Abraham S. Nordlinger; Bridget Carney of William and Jane Welch; Sarah M. Safford of George M. Safford; Robert P. Getty of John J. Duffy; Joseph Smith of James and Mary J. Small; Mary L. White of Harriet L. and Mark W. White; and John Keller of Charlotte E. and Harrietta L. Kieler.

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS.

Before Justices Dowling and Kelly.

The calendar presented for consideration a total of twenty-two cases, of which thirteen were charges of petit larceny, seven assault and battery, one keeping disorderly house, and one carrying burglars' tools. None of the cases presenting any intricate points of law, or involving disputed questions of fact to be resolved by a numerous array of witnesses, the court concluded its session at an unusually early hour. The labor of the day was much shortened by the fact that in several instances the accused, having been liberated on bail, failed to appear, and the cases were continued, and bench warrants issued for the arrest of the delinquents. The most noticeable case of the day was one showing

WOMAN'S TRUST.

Ann Cassidy appeared on the witness stand, her face a discolored mass of bruised flesh. She had received a beating at the hands of her brother, Henry Cassidy, who begged her, as only a coward can beg, "not to be hard on" him. It did not need his prayers to move her; he was her brother, and despite her mangled face, she pleaded tearfully for him more than could the brute for himself. He was drunk, she said, and did not know what he was doing; he would never do it again, and if the Judge would only forgive him she was sure he would do better for the future. Justice DOWLING, glancing from the disfigured face to the quaking prisoner, refused to have faith in him and sentenced him to one month in the Penitentiary.

A CONFLICT OF FACTS.

Adolph Katz was arraigned on a charge of beating Louis Dreisner in the store No. 79 Chatham-street. The complainant swore positively in the usual way that he had given no provocation for the assault, except to ask for some money that was due him, whereupon Katz had struck him over the head with a cane, making an ugly wound, which he exhibited with that degree of interest with which a man shows a sore from which he expects a fair profit. The defence called witnesses, one of whom, Rymen, passing in a car deposed to seeing Dreisner strike Katz with his fist while on the sidewalk. Not satisfied with stating matters of fact, the witness decided a point of law, and said that in the store Katz had struck the complainant in self-defence. Other witnesses, less voluble but equally positive, swore on the part of the accused, who having managed in the

room of "D" Company, Centre Market Armory, at 8 o'clock P. M., to fill the office of Captain in the Seventy-first Regiment, which has become vacant by the promotion of Capt. Geo. D. Wolcott.

The Fourteenth Regiment will have a battalion drill, the last of a series of four, to-morrow evening, at the State Arsenal in Portland-avenue. A regimental court-martial will be held in this command for the trial of absentees from these drills and other delinquents. Lieut.-Col. Wm. H. De Bevoise acts as President of the Court.

A petition is being circulated in the First Division, asking the Legislature to set apart a portion of the Central Park as a National Guard drill ground. Such a proceeding is contrary to the charter of the Central Park Commission, and we hope the attempt will be a failure.

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FOR SALE—TWO THREE-STORY BRICK, 21ft-st., $800 ea.; 4 s. br., e. s. 20th-st., $22,000; 3 s. Eng. b. br. s., fur., e. 23d-st., $25,000; 4 s. Eng. br. s., 2d-av., above 51st-st., $16,500; 4 s. br. s., 40th-st., $32,000; 3 s. brick, W. 43d-st., $20,000; 4 s. Eng. b. brick, fur., W. 35th-st., $45,000; 4 s. br. s., W. 34th-st., $35,000; 4 s. Eng. b. br. s., W. 39th-st., $30,000; 4 s. br. s., 49th-st., $17,250; 4 st. br. s., 41st-st., $30,000 in cr.; 4 s. br. s., fur., 9th-st., $25,000; 3 s. br. s., 126th-st., $9,500; 3 s. br. s., 73d-st., $19,000; 3 s., Thompson, near Broome-st., $30,000; 3 s. and attic, br. s., St. Mark's-place, fur., $30,000; 3 s. br., with lot adj., 50th-st., $24,000; 4 s. br. s., W. 52d-st., $26,000; 3 s. br. 43d-st., $20,000; 3 s. frames, Broome, near Thompson-st., $20,000; 3 3 s. br., 73, near 3d-av., $7,000 each; 4 s. br., E. 34th-st., $20,000.
Also, houses to let, furnished and unfurnished, in New-York and Brooklyn, by
TITUS & TIFFANY, No. 75 Nassau-st.

HOUSE FOR SALE—FURNISHED OR UNfurnished, in Clinton-place, between 5th and 6th ave.; 22x103 feet, four-story, in excellent condition, newly painted, with every improvement and convenience; no agents need apply. Address, personally or by letter, A. B., Exchange Office, No. 680 Broadway, under the East River Bank.

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E. H. LUDLOW & CO., No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE OR LEASE—PROPERTY NO. 105 St. Mark's-place; dwelling 37½ by 56 feet; in best order; lot 37½ by 188 feet, with brick stable on 9th-st.; price $33,000. Inquire of the owners, the premises before 10 o'clock A. M., or of B. H. DAY, No. 48 Beekman-st.

MADISON-AV.—FOR SALE OR TO LET, THE magnificent four-story high-stoop brown-stone house No. 279 Madison-av., between 41st and 42d sts.; size of house, 24x56; lot, 100; bay windows and all the latest improvements. Particulars and permits of ISAAC HONIG, No. 25 Pine-st.

THE CHEAPEST PROPERTY IN HARlem for sale; two handsome frame houses (new) on 128th-st., between 3d and 4th avs., filled in with brick, and all first-class improvements; three minutes' walk from three railroad lines and steamboat dock. Inquire on the premises.

FOR SALE OR RENT—A VERY PRETTY three-story brown-stone house, newly furnished. Lexington-st., near 36th st., $16,000; also, three-story cottage, No. 36 West 54th-st., lot 20x100, $16,000. W. F. SEYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

A VERY FINE THREE-STORY HIGH-STOOP brick house, 16.8x45. No. 226 47th-st., ½ block from Broadway; every improvement; is in splendid condition, from top to bottom; $14,500; easy terms. Apply at 149 West 46th-st., before 12 and after 5 P. M.

FOR SALE—SUPERIOR THREE-STORY brown-stone high-stoop house, 22.6x50x80, finished in hard wood, tiled hall, parlor frescoed, and perfect order; very cheap; location 3d-av., near 50th-st. J. M. PHELPS & CO., No. 5½ Pine-st.

A FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY B GHstoop brown-stone house, elegant order, No. 23 West 46th-st., for sale cheap; also, No. 137 West 43d-st., Nos. 174 and 176 West 47th-st., No. 10 East 54th-st., and No. 29 West 54th-st. W. F. SEYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

A MAGNIFICENT FOUR-STORY E. B. brick and brown-stone house on 20th-st., near Broadway; size 25x60x98.9; all improvements. Price, $45,000; very little cash needed. Apply to McCAHILL & SMYTH, No. 454 6th-av., or No. 69 3d-av., cor. 47th-st.

FOR SALE—THE FOUR-STORY BROWN stone high stoop house No. 115 East 35th-st., between Lexington and 3d avs. Particulars of ISAAC HONIG, No. 25 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—A NEW FIRST-CLASS BROWNstone front house, well built, 20x56, No. 55 West 52d-st. Inquire of JAMES BLACKHURST, No. 225 West 48th st.

A NEW FRAME BUILDING ON WEST-st., covered with zinc, 50 by 75 feet; can be bought for half its cost; suitable for shop or storage.
VAN ZANDT BROS., No. 56 Wall-st.

FOR SALE—A THREE-STORY HIGH-STOOP house, No. 40 Bank-st.; 21x48; lot half the block; all the improvements; fine location. Inquire of PANGBURN & ADAMS, No. 117 Broadway.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—ELEGANT RESIDENCE IN BEDford, Brooklyn; double house built of Philadelphia brick, with brick stable, and eight or sixteen lots of ground, laid out in garden with fine ornamental and fruit trees, and grapes in variety; house has gas and best and cold water throughout, and all modern improvements, frescoed halls, &c. For particulars address OWNER, Box No. 3,263 New-York Post-office.

FOR SALE—IN BROOKLYN, FRANKLIN AV., between Dekalb and Lafayette avs., three new three-story basement and sub-cellar Philadelphia brick houses; brown stone basements; all improvements; terms easy. Inquire at the houses, or of Bulin & Son, builders. 288 Navy st., after 6 o'clock P. M.

FOR SALE IN BROOKLYN—ON DIVISION-av., between 3d and 4th sts., near the fountain, a three-story brick house, 25 by 40, with all modern improvements. Also, two lots adjoining, at $1,200 feet. Apply to
BURR & CO., No. 222 Front-st.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

TWENTY-SECOND-ST., BETWEEN 5TH and 6th avs.—A nicely furnished parlor and bedroom, on second floor, front, with board. References given and required. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, Esq., 56 Broadway.

WANTED—ABOUT THE 1ST OF MAY, A suite of three rooms, (with bath,) furnished or unfurnished, with board in rooms, or convenient to a good restaurant. Address, giving full particulars, VAN DEUSEN, Box No. 161 Times Office.

UNFURNISHED ROOM WANTED—WITH board, by a gentleman, wife and child, 13 months old; partial board for gentleman; west side preferred. Address, stating full particulars, W., box 179, Times office.

A PRIVATE FAMILY RESIDING ON Stuyvesant-square wish to let permanently two or three well-furnished rooms, with board, to gentlemen only; references exchanged. Address W. W., Box No. 4,966 Post-office.

NO. 13 EAST 16TH-ST.—FURNISHED apartments, on second floor, to let to a gentleman, without board, by the year; consisting of parlor, sleeping-room, dressing-room, bath, &c.

FIRST-CLASS BOARD AND ACCOMMOdations upon advantageous terms to family or party advancing $1,000 or $1,200; ample collaterals. Address PERMANENCY, Box No, 101 Times Office.

A SECOND-STORY SUITE OF ROOMS, elegantly furnished, to let, with or without board, or private table; no moving in May. Call at No. 13 Washington-place, five doors from New-York Hotel.

A HANDSOME PARLOR FLOOR, NEWLY furnished, to let to one or two gentlemen, without board. No. 263 4th-av., second house below Calvary Church.

PARLOR FLOOR, ALSO FIRST, SECond, and third story front rooms, singly or in suites, to let without board, at No. 15 University-place. References required and given.

NO. 30 WAVERLEY-PLACE, NEAR Broadway; second and third floor rooms, en suite or singly, with excellent table.

ROOMS TO LET—WITH BOARD; ONE SMALL and one large; bath, gas and hot and cold water; dinner at 6. Apply at 186 2d-av., between 11th and 12th sts.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

IN BANKRUPTCY.—IN THE DISTRICT Court of the United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of ROBERT B HIGHET and JAMES F. CLARK, Bankrupts.—Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said County, by Robert B Highet and James F. Clark, in the said District, duly declared bankrupts under the act of Congress of March 2, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof from all their debts, and other claims provable under said act, and that the 23d day of April, 1868, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the office of Henry Wilder Allen, Esq., Register in Bankruptcy, No. 161 Broadway, in the City of New-York, is assigned for the hearing of the same, when and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest may attend, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted.
Dated New-York, on the 28th day of March, 1868.
GEO. F. BETTS, Clerk.

IN BANKRUPTCY.—IN THE DISTRICT Court of the United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of WILLIAM FLANDRAU, Jr., a bankrupt.—Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said County, by William Flandrau, Jr., in said district, duly declared a bankrupt under the act of Congress of March 2, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof from all his debts, and other debts provable under said act, and that the 25th day of April, 1868, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the office of Mr. Edgar Ketchum, Register in Bankruptcy, No. 69 Nassau-st., in the City of New-York, is assigned for the hearing of the same, when and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest may attend, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted.
Dated New-York, on the 27th day of March, 1868.
GEO. F. BETTS, Clerk.

ASSIGNEES' OR TRUSTEES' NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT.—In the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In Bankruptcy.—In the matter of WILLIAM B. JONES. To whom it may concern: The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of the estate of WILLIAM B. JONES, formerly a member of the firm of Lyons & Jones, residing in Brooklyn, New-York, and carrying on business in New-York City, in said District, and who filed his petition in bankruptcy upon the petition of himself by the District Court of said district.—Dated at New-York, the 27th day of March, A. D. 1868.
THENDIKE SAUNDERS, Attorney, No. 28 Chambers-st.
JNO. SEDGWICK, Assignee,
No. 137 Broadway, New-York City.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In Bankruptcy.—In the matter of SIMEON EMANUEL, bankrupt.—To whom it may concern: The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of Simeon Emanuel, of the City of New-York, in the County of New-York, in said district, and who was, on the 30th day of January, A. D. 1868, adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district.—Dated at City of New-York, the 13th day of March, A. D. 1868.
JOHN SEDGWICK, Assignee,
mh29-law3w5u* No. 137 Broadway, New-York City.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

TO LET,
AN ELEGANT COUNTRY SEAT,
ON THE HUDSON, FULLY FURNISHED.
Apply to COVELL & CO.,
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FURNISHED COUNTRY SEAT FOR RENT.—Will be leased for one or more years, the family residence of the late Thomas H. Leggett, in the village of Flushing, L. I. The dwelling is a large two-story double house, with wing attached. The grounds are tasteful and richly ornamented, comprising over six acres, with large gardens, lawns, &c., a good barn, carriage-house, work-shop, hennery, icehouse, and in fact all the surroundings of a first-class private residence. The furniture will also be let with the place, and early possession given. With best of schools, churches and society, and easy access to the City, this offers a rare opportunity to a gentleman of leisure or business. Apply to J. F. FRANKLIN, No. 113 Broadway, New-York.

TO RENT—FULLY FURNISHED—AT FORDham, Westchester County, an elegant private residence, with extensive grounds; large and commodious house, with modern conveniences; garden well stocked with every variety of fruit; barns, stables, carriage-house, gardener's house, &c.; one mile from Fordham depot, on Harlem Railroad, and quarter of a mile from steamboat landing on Harlem river. Apply to
E. H. CAMMANN, No. 31 Pine-st.

TO RENT—AT FLUSHING, L. I., FIFTEEN minutes' walk of railroad station, beautifully situated on high ground, on Bayside-av., a handsome double two-story and attic modern frame house, in perfect order, containing eleven rooms; the lawn is tastefully laid out with evergreens, shrubs, &c., of rare varieties, together with a spacious barn and carriage house, and one acre of land. Apply to LAWRENCE & STRATTON, No. 111 Broadway, basement; or near the premises to WM. MITCHELL.

FOR SALE OR TO LET, (FURNISHED.) A fine large house, with suitable grounds, situated on a slight elevation, sloping gradually to the Harlem River and surrounded by magnificent forest trees, within one hour's ride of the City Hall, and accessible at all hours of the day and night, by four different means of communication. Is well adapted for a boarding-house or a club of gentlemen, for Summer or Winter. Terms easy. Apply to LEWIS B. or FRANK G. BROWN, No. 58 Broadway.

FOR SALE—THE ELEGANT SUBURBAN RESidence of Philip Dater, Esq., consisting of 29 acres of land, with stone mansion-house and all necessary outbuildings, situate in Westchester County, about 1¼ miles from Harlem Bridge and 3 miles from Central Park, with a fine water view. The house is 50 feet square, has modern improvements and is in good order. The place is accessible at all hours of the day by a steamboat, railroad and horse cars. Apply to PHILIP DATER & CO., No. 161 Front-st., or to MULLER, WILKINS & CO., No. 7 Pine-st.

TO LET—A COUNTRY RESIDENCE ON STATEN Island, one mile from Vanderbilt Landing on the Richmond road; beautifully situated with a very fine view and handsome grounds in perfect order; ice-house filled; carriage and horse, cow, poultry, &c.; can be seen and possession given at any time. Inquire at first toll gate on the Richmond road, or at No. 134 5th-av., before 12 M., or between 2 and 3 o'clock.

A DELIGHTFUL COUNTRY RESIDENCE, A partially furnished, to let or for sale; 36 acres or land, beautiful, with walks and drives; an abundance of fruit, a good garden, and every convenience for a moderate sized family; adjoining the Roosevelt and Stuyvesant residences, 2½ miles north of Poughkeepsie. Apply to JAMES SMILLIE, No. 1 Wall-st., or on the premises.

TO LET—IN RYE, THE DESIRABLE RESIdence of the late Hon. N. D. Haisted, partially furnished, with a lawn of five acres garden and large carriage-house; a rich healthy location; unsurpassed in Rye or adjoining Rye Beach; fine bathing, fishing, &c.; will be leased for one or three years. Inquire of G. B. HALSTED, No. 25 Cliff-st., New-York; or WM. B. HALSTED, Rye, Westchester County.

TO LET—AT BARRYTOWN STATION, ON THE Hudson, the large mansion of the late Robert Swift Livingston, known as Almont, with stable, coach and other outhouses; surrounded by a very extensive lawn, and affording one of the finest and most extended views on the river. Apply to EDWARD SCHELL, No. 644 Broadway, New-York City.

TO LET—A COTTAGE WITH ABOUT TWO acres of lawn and garden, well stocked with fruit and ornamental trees, pleasantly situated about nine miles from Brooklyn ferry on the Jamaica road; great facilities for reaching the City at any hour and short time. Rent $750. Apply to WILLIAM H. ROSS, No. 117 Broadway.

MOUNT VERNON.—TO RENT—FINE RESIdence, completely furnished, barn and stable; fine grounds, fruit, shade, &c. Others, variously located. Possession to Let: furnished and, unfurnished, $70 to $300 per month.
W. F. SEYMOUR,
No. 171 Broadway.

TO LET—A THREE-STORY HIGH-STOOP house on 126th-st., 70 feet east of 3d-av.; has all the modern improvements; is in perfect order. No. 3 Wallace-place; Market-st. horse-cars. Apply on premises after 1st of April. JAMES FRENCH.

FURNISHED HOUSES ON STATEN Island, from $125 to $300 per month. CHARLES E. CATLIN, No. 23 William-st.

TO LET—FIRST FLOOR AND BASEMENTS, and four rooms on third floor; all improvements. No. 98 West 46th-st.

STORES, &C., TO LET.

OFFICES TO LET IN TIMES BUILDING.

A portion of the room now occupied by the Surrogate, which will be divided to suit applicants, or rented entire.

Also offices in Nos. 38, 39, 40 and 41 Park-row, Times Building, on the second, third and fourth stories, large and spacious, being splendidly lighted from front and rear. Further improvements will be made at the expiration of the Surrogate's lease, the 1st of May next. These buildings are thoroughly fire proof, thereby saving all charges of insurance and hazards incident to fire.

Inquire of JOHN IRELAND, Cashier, Times Office.

TO RENT IN PLIMPTON'S NEW BUILDING, intersection of Stuyvesant and Ninth sts., rooms suitable for savings bank, insurance company, real estate, dentists and other offices; splendid location for drug store, clothing, dry goods, &c.; also, large hall for masonic society and other purposes. Apply upon the premises, from 4 to 6 P. M.

TO LET—WITH STEAM POWER, BASEMENT and lofts of new and substantial brick building Nos. 112 and 114 Wooster-st., between Spring and Prince sts.; 50x100 feet, well lighted; adapted to any business or manufacturing purpose. Apply to BRUNER & MOORE, Nos. 75 and 77 King-st.

A TWO-STORY AND A HALF BRICK stable, with accommodations for 22 horses and extra large yard, to rent for $1,850. Located on 9th-av., near 20th-st. Apply to McCAHILL & SMYTH, No. 454 6th-av., between 27th and 28th sts., or 69 3d-av., cor. 47th-st.

TO LET—THE BASEMENT OF THE BUILDING No. 18 4th-av.; also two lofts for storage of furniture. Apply on the premises to CONKLINS & BAYLES.

TO LEASE—THE NEW FIVE-STORY MARBLE-front store, No. 738 Broadway, near Astor-place; size 22x110 feet. Apply to GEO. L. SCHUYLER, 182 Grand-st.

TO LET—SPLENDID LIGHT LOFTS, NO. 21 Fulton-st., near Fulton Ferry, with steam power. Apply at No. 209 Water-st.

TO LET—NO. 207 WATER-ST., NEAR FULTON Ferry, with steam power. Apply at No. 209 Water-st.

ROOMS TO LET, WITH STEAM POWER, at No. 211 East 22d-st., near 3d-av.

DESK-ROOM TO LET—IN OFFICE NO. 8, No. 5 Beekman-st., first floor over Park Bank.

COUNTRY BOARD.

WANTED—BOARD IN THE COUNTRY, FROM May 1, in a strictly private family, for a gentleman, lady, three children and two nurses. Address, stating lowest terms and locality, Box No. 4,400 Post-office.

SEWING MACHINES.

CHEAPEST RELIABLE SEWING-MACHINES are at BARTLETT'S Machine and Needle depot, No. 589 Broadway.

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MANHOOD REGAINED BY USING DR. Powars' elixir, and private diseases cured without. Office, No. 191 Stanton st., N. Y.

LADIES TROUBLE CURED BY DR. POWers, 191 Stanton st., with or without medicine.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A GENTLEMAN OF GOOD BUSINESS standing, and experience in this City, who is about to visit London, Liverpool and Glasgow, would attend carefully to any business matters intrusted to him for a moderate compensation. Address J. H. R., Box No. 4,3 Post-office.

NEW-YORK.

Legislative Proceedings — More City Railroad Schemes—The New Capital —Garbled Correspondence.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Saturday, March 28, 1868.

In the Assembly, last evening, the Arcade Railroad bill, to authorize the construction of a sub-street, for railroad traffic, was moved to a committee of the whole, briefly considered, reported to the House, ordered to a third reading, read and passed; yeas 101, nays 1—Mr. FLAGG, of Troy.

This morning the House was on the general order of business, receiving reports, moving bills ahead, introducing bills, presenting petitions, resolutions, &c., &c. Among the bills reported favorably this morning was the bill to authorize the Metropolitan Transit Company to construct certain railroads in the City of New-York. The route is changed from the bill of last year (which was west of the Fifth-avenue) to west of the Sixth-avenue, so that upper-tendom may rest in peace.

THE SENATE

did not hold a session last evening, and but a short one to-day.

Senator HUBBARD introduced a bill to grant State aid to the Oswego and Midland Railroad, or so much of it as passes through the Counties of Delaware and Sullivan, where, it is understood, the towns are too poor, or unwilling to be bonded. As one of the Senators said, "this straggler from the ranks," was referred directly to the Committee of the Whole, without report from the Standing Committee. This makes the seventh customer of the same sort. If any more are tocome, they had better hurry up.

Four Savings Banks bills were referred back to report complete, viz.: West Side and Fulton, of New-York; Greenpoint, of Williamsburg, and the National of Albany.

EDWARD H. UNDERHILL was appointed stenographer to the Senate, and then the Senate adjourned until Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. It is understood that henceforth, to the close of the session, there will be no more long adjournments.

The Assembly also adjourned until Monday evening.

THE NEW CAPITOL.

I have not noticed, until yesterday, an article published some days since by Mr. GILMAN, in which he asserts that certain letters of his, read before the Committee of Finance of the Senate, were garbled, and implying that the correspondents who published those letters were guilty of thus garbling them. If all Mr. GILMAN's statements are as false as this, little reliance can be placed on what he says. He and a former partner had a quarrel, and a Mr. TOWNE, who had been their lawyer in Boston, solicited and obtained a fee for coming to Albany, appearing before the Senate committe, and making an argument against GILMAN. In the course of that argument he read from certain letters written by Mr. GILMAN to his former partner. He did not read all of any letter, (save one,) but such sentences as suited his purposes. The correspondents never saw the letters, but took down what TOWNE read. Nothing more and nothing less, except that I omitted certain names which I thought it improper to allow Mr. GILMAN to connect with his own, as he did in the originals. There was no garbling except what Mr. TOWNE did, and the insinuation against the correspondents betrays a characteristic in Mr. GILMAN that unfits him for any position of public trust. He and his partner and TOWNE having accumulated a large quantity of dirty linen, brought it before this Senate Committee to be washed. He ought not to complain if the correspondents tell what an unsightly mess it was. LEO.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.....ALBANY, Saturday, March 28.

BILLS REPORTED FAVORABLY.

By Mr. CREAMER—For the extension of Lexington-avenue, New-York, from Sixty-sixth to Ninety-seventh streets.

By Mr. FOLGER—Incorporating the Isthmus Ship Canal Company.

Requiring searches in the office of the Register and Clerk of New-York to be made on a written request within ten days, (a majority report.)

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. PIERCE—Extending the time for the construction of thirty-five miles of the Adirondack Railroad to three years.

Also, authorizing the Company to construct a branch to connect with the Whitehall and Plattsburg Railroad.

By Mr. TWEED—Fixing the capital stock of the American Tontine Life and Savings Insurance Company at $200,000.

By Mr. HALE—Authorizing appeals from the decisions of the Canal Appraisers to the Canal Board by the Canal Commissioners, on the part of the State, or by any claimant affected by such award or decision.

BILLS PASSED.

To incorporate the City of Ogdensburg.

Allowing the Hudson City Savings Bank to invest ten per cent. of its deposits in bonds of towns situated in Columbia County.

Amending the charter of the Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company.

Amending the charter of Buffalo.

Changing the name of the Dramatic and Musical Benevolent Society of New-York.

Incorporating the village of Greenpoint, Suffolk County.

Incorporating the Free Will Baptist General Conference of North America.

Incorporating the Manhattan Express.

Authorizing all life insurance companies to make annual dividends.

Mr. GENET introduced a bill providing that no person shall charge or receive for the examination of any property, real or personal, on which a loan shall be made, more than fifty cents in $100.

Also, a bill repealing article 1, title 19, chapter 20, part 1, of Revised Statutes, relating to regulations concerning brokers.

The President stated that, under the laws of the State, it has become his duty to call together the Court of Impeachment for the trial of ROBERT C. DORN, to meet in the Senate Chamber at noon on Tuesday next, and notices to that effect had been issued to the members of the Court.

Adjourned until next Tuesday, at 11 o'clock A. M.

ASSEMBLY.

BILLS REPORTED FAVORABLY.

To provide for bonding certain towns.

To facilitate the construction of the Syracuse and Onenango Valley Railroad.

To prevent the overcrowding of city railroad cars.

To authorize the Metropolitan Transit Company to construct certain railroad tracks in New-York.

To widen Vanderbilt-avenue, Brooklyn.

Appropriating $125,000 to aid in the construction of the Southern Central Railroad, which was reported for the consideration of the House.

To incorporate the Brooklyn Trust Company.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By J. L. FLAGG—To amend the act for the relief of the Adirondack Railroad Company. Also, to amend the Troy City Charter.

The Speaker presented an annual report of the Superintendent of the Banking Department of Savings Banks. Also, a report of the Trustees of the State Inebriate Asylum.

By Mr. FREAR—To incorporate the Orthopedical Dispensary of New-York.

By W. S. CLARE—Repealing the act requiring railroad employes to wear uniforms.

Mr. SELKREG moved that the New-York Central Railroad Company report without delay the object they had in view in changing the route across Cayuga Lake, which was laid on the table.

BILLS ORDERED TO A THIRD READING.

To incorporate the National Savings Institution of New-York.

To incorporate the Clinton Savings Bank of New-York.

To amend the charter of the Up-town Savings Bank of New-York.

To widen Vanderbilt-avenue, Brooklyn.

To divide the Eighth and Tenth Wards, and to create a new ward in Brooklyn.

To improve Middle-street, Brooklyn.

Adjourned to Monday evening.

CONNECTICUT.

Great Democratic Meeting at Stamford —Speeches by Hon. John T. Hoffman and Hon. E. O. Perrin.

Special Correspondence of the New-York Times.

STAMFORD, Conn., Saturday, March 28, 1868.

The Democracy held a very large, respectable and enthusiastic campaign meeting last night in Stamford, Conn. The town was thoroughly aroused. Fireworks were displayed, an excellent band serenaded Hon. JOHN T. HOFFMAN and Messrs. JAMES E. HOYT and EDWARD A. QUINTARD, and long before the meeting commenced crowds assembled in the vicinity of Seeley's Hall, where the meeting was held, impatiently awaiting the hall to open.

EDWARD A. QUINTARD, Esq., presided, and the list of Vice-Presidents and Secretaries was a long one, comprising most of the substantial citizens of the place. A large number of beautiful and elegantly-dressed ladies graced the occasion with their presence.

Mr. HOFFMAN, on being introduced to the audience, was received with much applause.

He deprecated the prejudice and passion which now keeps the people of this country divided. The people of this country are still estranged on account of the action of Congress, and likely to continue so indefinitely, unless the people speak in tones of thunder against their unconstitutional measures and stop them in their mad career. When the war ended by the surrender of LEE, the Union ones should have been immediately reconstructed. Representatives could have been sent to Congress to represent the South, and if unfit, they could have been excluded; but this did not suit the Radical Party, they wanted such reconstruction as would give the Radicals the predominance (at all hazards) in governing this country. Until reconstruction is consummated, where is your market in the South for your manufactures? Another question: Where is the high crime and misdemeanor in turning a Radical out of office? If it is a high crime and misdemeanor, God have mercy on the American people, for thousands of Radicals will soon be turned out of office by them. GRANT and SHERMAN coincided in their views of the propriety of STANTON retiring from office, and yet the President is charged with a high crime in removing him. Congress impeaches the President in the name of the people, and yet Congress does not represent the people. New-York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, California and other States are not represented properly in Congress. There is a majority in all these States against the policy of Congress. The tax taken off one thing by Congress to conciliate one interest is put upon another, and if the debt is to be paid there must be the same amount of taxation. If taxes are taken off manufactures, they are paid in another form.

The speaker closed by giving a vivid picture of the present prostrate condition of the business interests of the country, ascribing it to the conduct of the Radical Party, and depicting a dismal future, unless the Radicals were soon restrained by the people speaking in tones that could not be misunderstood.

At the conclusion of Mr. HOFFMAN's speech the Hon. C. O. PERRIN was introduced, and made a most eloquent and telling speech.

Both gentlemen were frequently applauded. The meeting was the largest political one ever held in Stamford.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE ASSAY OFFICE.

A Description of the Office and the Process of Assaying the Precious Metals.

Adjoining the Sub-Treasury in Wall-street is a granite building of modest appearance, bearing over its entrance the words "Assay Office." In the same building are a number of bankers' and brokers' offices; but passing these and keeping along the passageway the visitor finds himself in the receiving bureau of the Assay Office. It is fitted up in the same style as a broker's office, and three or four clerks appear to be quite able to transact all the business pertaining to this Bureau without over-exerting themselves. In fact, it would not appear at a first glance that much business is ever transacted there; yet there from $14,000,000 to $15,000,000 of the precious metals are received and accounted for during the year. The larger portion of this is in the form of gold dust from California, Nevada, Montana and Idaho. Much the larger portion of all the bullion received is either in the form of dust, grains, bars or amalgam. A comparatively small quantity comes in the shape of gold and silver plate, watch-cases, foreign coin and ornaments. These are sent in by jewelers or private parties to be remelted, for plate, watch-cases and ornaments change their fashion like other things of less value, and have to be remodeled to be salable. To the Assay Office, in fact, comes a very large proportion of the products of the California and Nevada gold and the Mexican silver mines. Each steamship arriving from the Golden State brings several hundred thousand dollars in gold as remittances for goods purchased here. All of this, provided it has not already passed the Assay Office in California, goes at once to the establishment in Wall-street. Here also come occasionally "the family plate," and many a golden toy and delicate ornament, gifts, perhaps, of love or friendship, and which caprice has induced, or stern necessity compelled their owners to part with.

Few persons are aware of the actual quantity of gold produced by our mines since their first discovery. In a recent official report this amount is placed, in round numbers, at $1,000,000,000. Since 1849 California has produced $900,000,000. Her productive powers, however, for the last thirteen years have steadily decreased, and for 1869 the estimate is only $25,000,000. Montana has produced $65,000,000; Idaho, $45,000,000; Colorado, $25,000,000. The estimated production of Nevada in 1869 is placed at $20,000,000; of Montana, $12,000,000. It is believed that not more than 50,000 persons are now engaged in mining in this country—a considerable falling off from the numbers of previous years.

THE MELTING ROOM.

The deposits received having been carefully weighed and a certificate given therefor, they are numbered and sent at once to the melting-room, a spacious apartment provided with furnaces, tanks, &c., and floored with iron tiles. Each deposit, or as much of it as can be conveniently handled at once, is placed in a crucible, and as soon as melted is poured into iron moulds. If the deposit is of gold, two pieces are cut from the lump and set aside for the Assayer. If of silver, a small portion of the fluid metal is dropped into water, which granulates it, and these granules are used by the Assayer. The crucibles are carefully scraped after being used, so that not a particle of the metal is lost, for the Assayer, it must be understood, has to account for every grain of the metal received. On being taken from the moulds, the mass is stamped with the number it received on being deposited, and is carefully weighed on scales of the most accurate construction, and its weight entered on the books of the office. It is there placed in a vault secured by double doors, the keys being kept by Mr. MASON, the head of the melting and Refining Department.

THE ASSAY BUREAU.

The pieces of gold and silver taken from the moulds, of which we have already spoken, are conveyed from the Melting Bureau to the Assay Bureau. The apartments in which the bureau is located are fitted up with small furnaces, scales, &c., and an abundant supply of various chemicals, chiefly acids. About 7½ grains of gold are used in each assay. This small quantity, with the right proportion of silver, which is estimated by the Assayer with an accuracy attained by incessant practice, is placed in a cupel—a cup of calcined bone—and deposited in a small furnace heated to redness. A strong current of air passes over the contents of the cupel, oxydizing the lead. The oxyd dissolves the oxides of the other base metals, which are absorbed by the cupel, and the result is a button of pure silver and gold. This button, after being hammered and rolled, is placed in a bottle partly filled with nitric acid, which is set in a sand bath. The acid dissolves the silver, leaving the gold untouched. When the process is finished, the pure gold left in the cupel resembles tinder. It is then annealed, rendered into a compact coil, called the "cornet," and weighed. The weight gives the exact amount of pure gold. For the purpose of weighing, scales of the most delicate construction and the greatest accuracy are required. Those used in this department are manufactured by BECKER & SON, of Hudson City, N. J. They will indicate a difference of the 10,000th part of a grain. A fly's wing, or the smallest grain of sand that the human eye can detect can be so nicely weighed in these scales. The lightest breath disturbes their equipoise. Should their accuracy become impaired, even to the extent of the 1,000th part of a grain, the result of the analysis would be seriously affected, for it must be remembered that the assayer has from a piece of gold weighing originally 7½ grains to determine the value of a deposit worth perhaps $100,000.

Two pieces were, it will be remembered, taken from the metal after it had been melted. Each of these pieces is assayed separately, and the results must of course agree. If they should not do so, it is evident that a mistake must have occurred somewhere, and the whole process has to be repeated.

The assaying of silver is a much more simple process than that of gold. Chlorine and silver combine in definite proportions, forming chloride of silver. Upon this fact the process is based. A small quantity of granulated silver, taken from the crucible in the melting-room, is dissolved in nitric acid. The quantity of silver is estimated so that at least one gramme of pure silver shall be contained in the solution. A standard solution of salt, one hundred grammes of which will precipitate just one gramme of pure silver—not an atom more or less—is added to the nitrate of silver and thoroughly mixed with it. The result is a precipitate of chloride of silver. One gramme of a solution of salt, one-tenth of the strength of that first used is next introduced. If silver is still present in the liquid a cloud is formed, the density of which enables the assayer to determine approximately the quantity of silver remaining in the weak solution, to precipitate all the silver that remains in the liquid. When the assay is completed, by a table of computations the precise amount of pure silver in the specimen is determined, and by a simple arithmetical computation the value of the deposit is determined. This process is so accurate that one-twentieth of one-thousandth part in fineness can be indicated.

PAYMENT OF DEPOSITORS.

As soon as the assays are completed, the Assayer reports to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, Mr. VAN DYCK, and, on this report, the depositor is paid. If he desires to receive gold coin, one-half of one per cent. is charged. For gold bars, which are handier for shipment, he has to pay six cents for $100. For every ounce of pure gold which his deposit has yielded, he receives $20,672 less the charges stated above. Depositors of silver receive its full value less what is called the "parting charge," which is about five cents per ounce. Brittle metal has, however, to be toughened, for which there is an extra charge. The private assayers of California, before the establishment of a Government Assay Office there, used to make no charge for the assay, taking their pay out of the dripplings from the crucibles. The Government Assayers account for the exact weight of the deposit.

WHAT BECOMES OF THE BULLION.

The depositor having received the full value of his deposit, the latter of course becomes the property of the Government, and it now has to undergo a process called "parting" before it is sent to the Mint, or used in any way for commercial purposes. In parting gold, silver is added in the proportion of about two parts in weight of silver to one of gold. Formerly no account was taken of the silver already in the gold, but Mr. MASON, in charge of the melting and refining department, found that a great saving might be effected if it was first ascertained how much silver the gold bullion already contained. This practice is now carried out, and instead of invariably adding two parts of silver to one of gold, only sufficient silver is added to make the proportions above stated. There is thus a saving by Mr. MASON's method of about 30 per cent. in the material, and in one year the sum of $220,000 was saved. The mixture of gold and silver is next melted, thoroughly mixed and poured into water, by which it is granulated. The granules are placed in porcelain jars containing nitric acid. Heat is then applied, and as the acid boils, the yellow fumes which our readers have doubtless so often seen proceeding from the chimney of the Assay Office, are given off. This process goes on for about 24 hours, when the jars are emptied, and in the bottom is found a brown substance resembling mud or anything else upon earth rather than "gold—glittering gold." It is in fact, however, pure gold, or at least very nearly so. The silver has been dissolved by the nitric acid, and is in solution. It is carefully put aside for future treatment, for in the Assay Office nothing must be lost or wasted. The brown substance found at the bottom of the jars is placed in large wooden tubs and washed by percolation in warm water until all traces of acid have disappeared, and it is said to be "sweet." The gold is then of 940-1,000 fineness. Formerly it was subjected to a second boiling in nitric acid, which left it about 993-1,000 fineness, but by the process at present in vogue it is treated with sulphuric acid, by which a fineness of 998-1,000 is attained. This is termed pure gold, although it is not actually so, but to deprive it of the two parts of alloy it now contains would involve an expenditure of time, money and trouble, altogether useless. After its treatment with sulphuric acid, the gold, which still looks more like red mud than a precious metal, is again washed until "sweet." It has now a reddish yellow tint. After being dried, it is taken to a hydraulic press, where it is made into "cheeses," so called from the color and shape. The cheese made in the Assay Office is richer far than the most fertile vales of Gloster ever produced. Each "cheese" is but 13 inches in diameter, but it is worth about $20,000. These cheeses are baked in an oven heated by steam until all remaining moisture is expelled, when they are romelted, cast into bars or bricks, assayed and stamped with the weight, fineness and value. And now they look like gold indeed.

The reader will remember that the nitric acid poured over the gold and silver granules, in the porcelain jars, and now containing a large quantity of silver in solution, has yet to be disposed of. A solution of chloride of sodium—common salt—is first added to the solution and a deposit of a white powder is the result. This powder is chloride of silver. The next process is to free the chlorine from the silver, and this is done by placing it in vats with granules of zinc. The chlorine and zinc readily combine, and the silver is set free in the form of a light gray powder. This, like the gold, is washed, pressed and formed into "cheeses" worth $800 each. These are melted, weighed, stamped and ready to be disposed of as occasion may require. The silver obtained by the above process contains but one part of alloy in 1,000. Some silver is so pure that it requires no "parting," and, after being assayed, is sent at once to the mint.

ECONOMY OF THE DEPARTMENT.

It has been already said that the Assayer has to account for every grain of the metal that comes into his hands. *Skylock* was not more determined to have his pound of flesh than are the customers of the Assay Office to have every grain of the precious metals belonging to them accounted for. There must be no errors, no short weights, no mere approximations to correct balances. If 1,000 ounces of gold were sent in to the office, 1,000 ounces must be accounted for, no matter what the processes through which the metal has passed. It is evident, therefore, that the greatest care must be exercised in the entire management of the department. The flooring of the rooms is constructed of iron tiles, which can be removed and swept. The filters are made of cloth, so that the minutest particles of the metal are retained. The tanks are cleaned out periodically. Even the crucibles and the cinders from the furnace are broken up and ground to powder. This powder with the sweepings is triturated in a mill, and afterward passes into a vessel filled with water, where the sediment falls to the bottom. This sediment is treated with mercury, which takes up any portion of the precious metals it may come in contact with. The mercury is afterward distilled and made to deliver what it has taken up. The residue of the sediment is dried, packed in barrels and sold for about 5 cents per pound, for it still has an appreciable value. The acids used in the department cost about $35,000 a year; other materials from $15,000 to $20,000.

The Assay Office was established in this City in October, 1854, and since that time over $160,000,000 have passed through the hands of its officers. The present officers of the Department are GEORGE F. DUNNING, Superintendent; Dr. JOHN TORREY, Assayer; ANDREW MASON, Melter and Refiner; GEO. W. EDELMAN, Deputy Treasurer; CARL SCHULTZ, Assistant Assayer; DANIEL L. DOUGHERTY, Foreman of the Melters and Refiners' Department; Mr. SAMUEL H. GRAHAM, Chief of the Receiving Bureau.

Board of Aldermen.

This Board met at 2 P. M. yesterday, Mr. COMAN in the chair.

A remonstrance against altering the grade of William-street, between Duane and Franklin streets, was received and referred to a committee.

Resolutions were adopted directing the Croton Department to advertise for bids for laying the McDonegal wooden pavement in Twenty-fifth-street from Second to Madison avenues, and from Fifth-avenue to the North River; in Twenty-first-street, from Fourth to Fifth avenues; in Lexington-avenue, from Twenty-first to Thirty-fourth streets, and in Forty-second-street, from the Second-avenue to the North River.

A resolution to pave Twenty-second-street, from Third to Tenth avenues, with Nicolson pavement, was laid over.

On a resolution to open Eighty-fifth-street being read, Mr. HARDY said it was useless passing such resolutions, as the Central Park Commissioners have charge of all streets above the commencement of the Park.

Mr. COULTER said that the Park Commissioners merely have charge of the grade of the streets, and have nothing to do with the opening or paving of them.

The resolution was adopted, and the Board adjourned to 2 P. M. on Monday next.

Board of Councilmen.

This Board met at 2 P. M. yesterday, Mr. STACOM in the chair.

The Committee on Railroads presented a report in favor of allowing the Second-avenue Railroad Company to lay switches and turnouts in Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth streets, between First and Third avenues, which was laid over.

A quantity of routine business was transacted, and the Board adjourned.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

MOVING UP.—SLOAN & Co., dealers in ribbon, etc., have leased the residence of the late PETER LORILLARD, corner of Broadway and Tenth-street. Considerable money is to be expended in making the necessary alterations, and the tenants are to pay an annual rental of $25,000, ten per cent. on the cost of improvement and the taxes—amounting probably to about $40,000. ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & Co. have purchased the property on the corner of Broadway and Nineteenth-street, 82 feet front and 175 feet deep, where they propose to erect a suitable building. The northwest corner of Broadway and Eighteenth-street is to be occupied by Messrs. AIKEN, MILLER & Co., dealers in lace trimmings, etc., who are to take possession on the 1st of May next. LE BOUTILLIER BROS., also, have leased some valuable property up town.

THE SHAD SEASON.—Capt. A. SIMONSON, of Staten Island, caught the first shad of the season off Robin's Reef yesterday morning. Preparations to make large captures of this epicurious fish have already been commenced by fishermen in this vicinity. Men are engaged in setting poles and fastening nets in the North and East Rivers, and other streams, and are looking forward to an ample reward for their labors. But however active the fishermen may be in this respect, they cannot influence the markets to wait for their movements, which of course are dependent on the movements of the shad, inasmuch as for some weeks past they have been forwarded to this market in large quantities from the South.

ARRIVALS IN THE CITY.—GOV. A. E. Burnside, of Rhode Island; Major-Gen. Hancock, of the United States Army; Gen. L. S. Walker, of Washington; Gen. A. S. Buford, of Virginia; Hon. Oliver Ames, of North Easter, and Gen. T. W. Egan, of the United States Army, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel. Senator Doolittle, of Wisconsin, and Gen. L. B. Tower, of the United States Army, are at the Metropolitan Hotel. Gen. Bartlett, of Massachusetts, is at the Brevoort House. Hon. C. C. Washburn, of Wisconsin, and Hon. G. G. Pugh, of Ohio, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Gen. M. C. Butler, of South Carolina, is at the New-York Hotel.

AT THE MORGUE.—There was taken to the Morgue yesterday, from Bellevue Hospital, the body of an unknown man, supposed to be RICHARD KENNEFICK, aged about twenty-nine years, five feet seven inches high, with black hair, and beard of about three weeks' growth. The letters R. K. were tattoed on the right arm, and a star on the right shoulder. He wore a brown frock-coat, light-mixed pentaloons, a plaid shirt, gray knit undeshirt and drawers, black cloth cap, blue woollen socks, and laced shoes. The body was placed on Morgue for identification.

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Postmaster KELLY has ordered a letter box to be placed in the New-York and New-Haven Railroad Depot, corner of Twenty-seventh-street and Fourth-avenue. It will receive letters under the United States mail lock for all offices on the line of railroads going eastward. The letters will be distributed by the clerks on the New-York and Boston Railroad post route. Those intended for delivery in Boston will be dispatched by 4:45 A. M., and those for evening at 7:25 P. M.

THE TABERNACLE AND ITS DEBT.—This institution now has the people, requiring the services of twenty teachers and of about sixty other persons. About 300 of the pupils of the New-York Institution are beneficiaries of the State, nearly ninety of the counties of New-York, and twenty-five of the State of New-Jersey. The remainder belong to families able to pay for their education.

INTERNAL REVENUE AFFAIRS.—The officials of Deputy Commissioner HARLAND's office were engaged yesterday morning in an investigation respecting the Pearl-street tobacco manufactory, seized Friday evening. An opportunity was afforded the proprietor to prove that no fraud was intended or practiced. The inquiry stands adjourned to enable him to produce additional testimony.

ROBBING A LAWYER'S OFFICE.—It is reported that on Friday night the office of Messrs. RAFALLO & SANDFORD, attorneys on the Vanderbilt side of the Erie Extension, was entered by burglars, and one or two articles of small value stolen. It is also said that several desks were searched, and a bundle marked "Private—Exts," searched through, though no paper is reported missing.

CHANGES IN THE POLICE FORCE.—The following changes, besides a large number of transfers, have taken place during the past week: Dismissed—Patrolman JAMES O'CONNOR, Tenth Precinct; Doorman JOHN DUKE, Twenty-ninth Precinct. Resigned—ANTHONY MCGRATH Fiftieth Precinct. Deceased—CHAS. CUMMINGS, Twenty-eighth Precinct.

AUCTION SALE OF PAINTINGS.—There is a rare collection of paintings by celebrated artists on exhibition at the Leeds Art Gallery, corner of Broadway and Twelfth-street. They were selected by J. P. BEAUMONT, many of them from among those exhibited at the late Exposition at Paris. They will be visible at the gallery until the sale, which takes place on the evenings of the 2d and 3d of April.

THE LICENSE BUREAU.—City Marshal TAPPEN reports the following licenses issued during the past week: Expressmen, 20; venders, 54; public carts, 42; dirt carts, 19; drivers, 31; porters, 5; second-hand dealers, 15; coaches, 1. Total, 187. The fines collected amounted to $31. Total received, $581 50.

A VISIT TO MOSCOW.—REV. JOSEPH R. THOMPSON will deliver a lecture entitled, "A Visit to Moscow" at the church, corner of Broome and Ridge streets, on Thursday evening next, the 2d prox. Dr. THOMPSON always succeeds in interesting his audiences.

HONORABLY DISCHARGED.—Messrs. H. B. CLAFLIN & Co., having become convinced that S. SICORE, arrested a few days ago on a charge of larceny, had no felonious intent, and the accused having produced testimonials of good character and standing, Justice HOGAN has discharged him.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—The next discourse under the auspices of this Society will be delivered this evening, by Rev. Mr. TYNG, Jr., in the church in Madison-avenue, corner of Thirty-first-street.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

MORRISANIA.—ANTON RUP was brought before Justice HAUPTMAN, on Friday afternoon, charged by BALTHASE SWAB with coming into his room and stealing a silver watch and gold chain, valued at $30. The defendant pleaded not guilty, but was committed for trial....LIZZIE MEYER was arrested for a robbery committed on the 17th of January, on the premises of PHILIP SALIFMANN. The prisoner had been employed as a domestic, and removed property valued at $130. She was committed to the County Jail to await her trial....A large sewer across the Boston road, near Morrisania, fell in yesterday, the sidewalk and part of the roadway having been taken up for repairs. None of the workmen engaged were injured, although many were close to the spot where the accident took place.

WEST FARMS.—A large Democratic meeting will be held here on Monday night to ratify the recent nominations and take action on the Albany Convention. The Mayor of New-York, Messrs. SCOTT R. SHERWOOD, ANGELL and others, are advertised to speak.

TREMONT.—A meeting of the Town Auditors was held at the Police-station yesterday afternoon, when the bills of the Road Commissioners, Overseers of the Poor and other public officers were audited and passed.

WHITE PLAINS.—Mr. FREDERICK C. BURRHUS has received the Republican nomination for Supervisor in opposition to the Democratic nominee and present holder, Mr. SUTHERLAND.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

CAPTURE OF A BURGLAR.—Yesterday morning THOMAS JONES, an enterprising young man, was arrested by Officer ROMAINE, of the Forty-fourth Precinct, under the following circumstances: He broke into the house of Mr. S. S. WHITMORE, No. 205 Schermerhorn-street, while the family were absent, and Mr. WHITMORE happening to enter the house, was saluted by the thief with a pleasant "good morning, Sir," as the cool operator made his way into the street with all possible speed. Mr. WHITMORE gave chase and overtook the burglar, when a scuffle took place, during which Mr. WHITMORE received a wound in the arm from the thief's "jimmy." The officer, who had joined in the chase, came up and took charge of the fugitive, in whose possession were found a "jimmy," three skeleton-keys and half a dozen napkin rings. The latter were identified by Mr. WHITMORE as his property. The burglar, it appears effected an entrance to the house by forcing open the front basement door with the "jimmy. He was taken before Justice MOREHEAD and held for examination.

POLICE ARRESTS FOR THE WEEK.—During the past week the Police made 328 arrests.

NEW-JERSEY.

DEATH OF AN ALLEGED HIGHWATMAN IN PRISON.—A man named PETER RILEY, who, with PATRICK MURRAY, was confined in the Hudson County Jail awaiting trial on a charge of felonious assault and battery and attempted highway robbery, died in that institution at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The circumstances under which the accused were arrested are as follows: About 11 o'clock on Sunday night, Feb. 9, Mr. EDWARD WALTER, a New-York jeweler, and a man named SIEBERT started to walk from Union Hill to Hoboken. When they had arrived at a lonely spot near the foot of the hill, they, as it alleged, were suddenly set upon by two ruffians and a desperate encounter followed. WALTER dealt his adversary a heavy blow over the head with his cane, but the latter got him down and would undoubtedly have overpowered him, had not the ruffians been frightened away by the approach of a car. One of them left behind a drab hat, which Mr. WALTER secured, and he and SIEBERT were taken to Hoboken. Mr. WALTER found a knife-cut through his coat, his pantaloons pocket torn, and he received such bodily injuries that he was confined to the house for several days. By means of the hat, Capt. DONEVAN, of the Hoboken Police, gained a clew to the highwaymen and effected their arrest. At the time the deceased was found, he was in bed with his head bandaged up and quite ill. He and MURRAY were committed to the County Jail by Recorder POPE, and since that time RILEY has been under the care of the County Physician, but whether the injuries sustained were the indirect cause of death, we are unable to state. RILEY, who leaves a widow residing in Weehawken, was in the Indian war, and was suffering from a wound in the leg caused by a poisoned arrow.

ARREST OF A BURGLAR.—At 11:45 o'clock on Friday night, GEORGE SCOTT, aged 28 years, was arrested by Aid IRA SMITH, charged with burglariously entering the store of JOHN KELLY, corner of Henderson and Gregory streets, Jersey City. Jos. STILLWELL, who was sleeping in an adjoining apartment, separated only by a board partition, heard a noise in KELLY's room, and called for the Police, whereupon the prisoner jumped out of a window, and attempted to escape, but was overhauled by the officer, and taken to the lock-up. The evidence being conclusive, SCOTT was committed for trial.

ALLEGED DISREPUTABLE HOUSE.—Yesterday morning ALBERT SCHARPE, keeper of a drinking house at No. 220 Orange-street, Newark, was arrested on a charge of keeping a disorderly house. The complainant, ANDREW GINTER, who had received a pummeling at the hands of the bar-tender, made an affidavit that the accused kept a resort for males and females of bad repute, and also permitted gambling on his premises. He was held to bail for trial.

DIED FROM INJURIES.—WM. MCANALLY, who was thrown from a wagon in Jersey City, on Friday afternoon, died from the injuries yesterday....HENRY KEIRNAN, who was crushed between a Desbrosses-street boat and the ferry-bridge on the Jersey City side, died of his injuries Friday night.

SUDDEN DEATH.—An aged man named MICHAEL FOLEY, who was employed as flagman at the Jersey City Railroad crossing, at Greene-street, Jersey City, was prostrated with an apoplectic fit, about 12 o'clock Friday night, and died in a few minutes thereafter.

HOMICIDE.—Two men named WM. WAMBAUGH and TIMOTHY CORBETT, had a quarrel at the house of the former in East Amwell, Hunterdan County, on Monday last. WAMBAUGH becoming greatly enraged, seized a gun and shot CORBETT in the leg, causing his death on Wednesday.

IDENTIFIED.—The body of a lad found on the Newark meadows near the Hackensack bridge, on Friday, was yesterday identified as that of the son of THOMAS DOREMUS, of No. 20 Eighth-avenue, Newark. In the early part of last Winter he broke through the ice and was drowned.

RECOVERY OF STOLEN PROPERTY.—About two weeks since, the clothing-store of HAPP & BETZ, No. 271 Grove-street, Jersey City, was burglariously entered and robbed of $300 worth of clothing. Several garments having been found on GEORGE SCOTT, arrested Friday night for burglary, Detective NUGENT yesterday visited New-York, and recovered a portion of HAPP & BETZ's goods at MARTIN's pawnshop, at No. 49 Monterey-street.

DEATH CAUSE YOUNG.—Between 5 and 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon the body of a new-born infant, nailed up in a small box, was found in a vacant lot in Hudson City. Coroner WARREN was notified, and will investigate the case.

AWAITING TRIAL.—There are at present 85 prisoners in the Hudson County Jail awaiting the action of the Grand Jury; among them one for manslaughter and several for burglary.

ACCIDENT.—On Friday afternoon WM. MCANALLY, while driving through Morris-street, Jersey City, was hurled headlong from his vehicle and sustained very severe if not fatal injuries.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Saturday, March 28—11:15 A. M.

Consols quiet and steady at 93@93¾ for money and the account.

American securities are somewhat firmer than at the close last evening, and are generally a fraction higher in price.

Illinois Centrals..... 86¾
Erie Railway Shares..... 46¾
United States Five-Twenty Bonds 1862 coup. quiet at 72@72¼.

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United States Five-twenty Bonds 72@72¼ coup. ... 75¾@75¾

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, March 28—11:15 A. M.

COTTON—The market opens buoyant and excited. Prices of American descriptions have advanced ⅛@⅜d. per pound. The sales of the day will reach 2,000 bales. There is a large speculative demand, and a sharp upward turn in prices of cotton to arrive. The following are the authorized quotations:—

Middling Uplands on the spot..... 10⅜
Middling Uplands afloat..... 10⅜@10⅝
Middling Orleans..... 10⅝

BREADSTUFFS—The market is quiet and unchanged. Corn 42s. 3d. ₱ quarter for New Mixed. Western. Wheat—14s. ₱ cental for California White, and 14s. 3d. for No. 2 Red Western. Barley, 5s. 6d. ₱ bushel. Oats, 4s. 2d. ₱ bushel. Peas, 40s. 6d. ₱ 504 lbs. Flour, 37s. 5d. ₱ bbl. for Western Canal.

PROVISIONS—The market is dull and steady. Beef, 120s. ₱ bbl. for Extra Prime Mess. Pork, 79s. ₱ bbl. for Eastern Prime Mess. Lard, 63s. ₱ cwt. for American. Cheese 55s. 6d. ₱ cwt. for the best grades or American fine. Bacon, 43s. ₱ cwt. for Cumberland Cut.

PRODUCE—Sugar, 25s. 6d. ₱ cwt. for No. 12 Dutch Standard. Rosin, 4s. 3d. ₱ cwt. for common. North Carolina: 12s. for medium. Turpentine, 34s. ₱ cwt. Tallow, 44s. 9d. ₱ cwt. Refined Petroleum, 1s. 3d. ₱ gallon. For Standard White, and 1s. 4d. for Spirits. Linseed Cakes, £10 15s. ₱ ton for thin oblong for feeding.

LONDON, Saturday, March 28—3 P. M.

Consols 93@93¼ for money and the account.

American securities close at the following prices.

United States Five-twenties quiet at..... 72@72¼
Erie Railway Shares..... 47
Illinois Central..... 86¾

FRANKFORT, Saturday, March 28—3 P. M.

United States Five-twenty Bonds close at 75¾@75¾ for the old issue.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, March 28—3 P. M.

COTTON—The market closed excited at a still further advance in prices. The sales of the day have largely exceeded the estimate made at the opening, and have footed up quite 30,000 bales. The following are the closing quotations:

Middling Uplands..... 10¾d.
Middling Orleans..... 11d.

BREADSTUFFS—The market closed firm, but without quotable alteration. Corn, 42s 3d. ₱ quarter for new Mixed Western. Wheat, 14s. ₱ cental for California White, and 14s. 3d. for No. 2 Western. Barley, 5s. 6d. ₱ bushel. Oats, 4s. 2d. ₱ bushel. Peas, 40s. 6d. ₱ 504 lbs. Flour, 37s. 6d. ₱ bbl. for Western Canal.

PROVISIONS—Beef, 120s. ₱ bbl. for Extra Prime Mess. Pork, 79s. ₱ bbl. for Eastern Prime Mess. Lard, 63s. ₱ cwt. Cheese, 55s. for the best grades of fine. Bacon is firm at 43s. ₱ cwt. for Cumberland Cut.

PRODUCE—Naval Stores dull. Sugar, 25s. 6d. ₱ cwt. for No. 12 Dutch Standard. Rosin, 4s. 3d. ₱ cwt. for Common North Carolina, and 12s. for Medium. Turpentine, 34s. ₱ cwt. Tallow, 44s. 9d. ₱ cwt. Refined Petroleum, 1s. 3d. ₱ gallon. For Standard White

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THE PRESS IN PARIS.

The Cheap Newspapers—Their Circulation and Influence—Names and Description of the Small Journals of Paris.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Monday, March 9, 1868.

The Press bill which has passed the Legislative Body is likely to introduce such important changes in the condition of the French Press that it has struck me that some account of the position of cheap journalism in Paris might prove interesting to your readers, as indicating the tendencies of the population in that direction under a more liberal *régime*. With the character, position and circulation of the larger journals they are more or less acquainted, but of the class of publications to which I allude they can have but little knowledge, although they exercise a vast influence both for good and for evil.

The *petite presse* of Paris may be classed under three distinct heads, namely, political, literary and literary illustrated. It must be borne in mind, however, that this classification is not technically correct, being adopted merely for the purpose of arrangement and description. Every journal published in the French metropolis gives what is termed a *feuilleton*, that is to say, a portion of its space is devoted to the successive chapters of a romance written by one of the popular novelists of the day. Consequently the whole of the Paris newspapers, large as well as small, may be considered to fall within the denomination of literary journals. It is this portion of the newspaper which is perhaps read with most avidity by the French public, a fact illustrative of the craving for amusement which distinguishes the Latin from the Anglo-Saxon races in both hemispheres. The following is a list of the journals composing what is called the *petite presse* with their circulation as nearly as I can get at it. As the Government does not exact a stamp duty from non-political newspapers and they are therefore not registered, it is extremely difficult to obtain reliable returns of their daily issue. The data on which the subjoined table is based I owe to a friend employed in one of the public offices. It may, therefore, be regarded as sufficiently accurate for my purpose:

	Circulation.
Political.	
La Situation	3,000
Le Courrier Français	5,000
L'International	2,000
Le Journal de Paris	2,000
Le Globe	2,000
Le Petit Moniteur	200,000
Literary.	
La Petite Presse	150,000
Le Petit Journal	245,000
Le Petit Figaro	18,000
Le Philosophe	1,000
Tintamarre	12,000
La Vogue Parisienne	1,000
Le Refusé	1,000
D'Artagnan	1,000
Satan	500
Gazette des Etrangers	3,000
Literary Illustrated.	
L'Image	1,000
L'Independance Parisienne	1,000
Le Boudon	1,000
Le Petit Journal pour Rire	4,000
La Vie Parisienne	7,000
Charivari	3,000
Eclipse	1,000
Comete	1,000
L'Hanneton	1,000
L'Auvergnat	1,000
Diogene	1,000
Illustration	15,000
Monde Illustré	8,000
Journal Amusant	200,000
Total circulation	891,800

A total of thirty newspapers, with a combined issue of nearly 900,000. Now, when we consider that none of the seventeen *grands journaux* are taken into this calculation, and that the population of Paris does not quite number 2,000,000, I think you will say that the supply of intellectual *pabulum* in newspaper form is a very fair one. It is not my purpose to examine whether the quality of the article is always what it ought to be. A slight sketch of each journal and its contributors will occupy as much space as you will be inclined to devote to the subject.

The first in position of the cheap journals, because of its official character, is the *Moniteur du Soir*, or *Petit Moniteur*, as it is more generally called. This sheet is sold for a sou, and appears every evening between 5 and 6 o'clock. It is a partial reprint of the *Moniteur* of the morning, and contains all the official and non-official news, the reports of the debates in the Chambers, and the latest prices of stocks and shares dealt in on the Paris Bourse of the same day. As these quotations are published by authority of the Tribunal du Commerce, their accuracy is unimpeachable. The *Petit Moniteur* likewise publishes every Thursday a weekly summary of all the foreign intelligence collated from the most authentic sources, and arranged in the form of a leading article. This journal is very much sought after on account of the reliability of its information, and, although an official organ, does not consider it beneath its dignity to publish a *feuilleton* like the other newspapers. The story at present appearing in its columns is from the pen of the Vicomte PONSON DU TERRAIL, and is entitled *Le Grillon du Moulin*—"The Cricket of the Mill." This writer is one of the most prolific of the day. Descended from an old Legitimist family, he began life in what is considered the most aristocratic service in France—the navy—but soon abandoned it for the more congenial pursuit of literature. His extraordinary fecundity of imagination may be judged of from the fact that in the years 1858 and 1859 the catalogues of the libraries specify no less than seventy-three volumes of novels which had been already written by him. At the present time he is contributing six separate romances to six different journals. As regards the extent of each story it is sufficient to state that the novel called the *Gandins de Paris* was continued in the columns of the *Opinion Nationale* every consecutive day during the whole of 1860.

La Situation is in the second year of its existence. M. FERDINAND LANGLE, one of the principal editors, belongs to the "old guard" of French *litterateurs*, having been born in 1798, and having held the office of Historiographer of the Musée Dauphin, when LOUIS XVIII. was King by the grace of God and the Allies. The politics of the *Situation* are ultra liberal. The *feuilleton* is monopolized by LEON CLADEL, one of the prominent romance writers of the day. The title of the story which he is at present publishing is a very curious one. He styles it "A Legend relating what happened more than a thousand years after the death of Jesus of Nazareth to Renaud, Lord of Puylarogue and Aguilheim, in Languedoc." It is a strange dreamy sort of tale, half chivalrous, half monastic, and illustrative of the superstitions of the Middle Ages. The theatrical criticisms are written by JULES NORIAC, and are very cleverly done. In the review of EMILE AUGIER'S new comedy, which appeared in the number of the 3d inst., he is very severe on the unnatural character of the incidents, though at the same time he renders full justice to the genius displayed in the piece. JULES NORIAC was formerly one of the principal editors of *Figaro*, and is the author of several serio-comic works, the most popular of which are *The Grain of Sand* and *Human Folly*, a philosophical romance.

The *Courrier Français* has been established about eight years, and is edited principally by M. LUCIEN DUBOIS. Its politics approach as close to Republicanism as is safe under the present *régime*. It is occasionally very personal and virulent, and its editors are always getting into trouble. Sometimes it has the public on its side in these quarrels, as for instance in the attack made upon M. GRANIER DE CASSAGNAC, who was formerly an ardent Republican, but is now an ultra Imperialist, more *prononcé* even than the Ministerialists themselves.

The *Globe* is edited by M.M. ULRIC DE FONVILLE and THEODORE DURET. The latter has been publishing a series of clever articles under the title of "*Le Regime de L'Inconsequence*," which animadvert in the bitterest terms on the inconsistencies of the present Administration. The politics of the journal are nevertheless a shade or two more moderate than those of the *Courrier Français*. Notwithstanding this it has incurred the displeasure of the Government, and, like the journal just mentioned, is not allowed to be sold in the kiosks on the Boulevards. It is for this reason, I presume, that its fusion with the *Interet Public* is announced under the new title of the *Tribune*.

The *Journal de Paris* is a paper a good deal quoted for its news. One of its principal editors, M. J. J. WEISS, was formerly on the editorial staff of the *Constitutionnel*, one of the seventeen great journals and an avowed organ of the present Government. M. WEISS was also one of the ablest and most regular contributors to the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, a periodical of great value, and which has a large American as well as European circulation. The politics of the *Journal de Paris* are liberal Conservative.

The *International* is a paper which is rapidly rising into importance. It has been about six years in existence. During the exhibition of last year it was purchased by an English proprietary, and is now published in London as well as in Paris. It appears in both cities on the same day. It is very widely read here, and contains, beside its political articles, which are written with great spirit and independence, a new historical romance by two young pupils of ALEXANDRE DUMAS. This journal is also valuable to commercial readers, for it furnishes them with a price current of all merchandize bought and sold in the Mincing Lane and Mark Lane Exchanges.

The *Petite Presse* treads close in the tracks of its rival, *Le Petit Journal* whose circulation it is rapidly approaching. One of its principal guiding spirits is M. TONY REVILLON, who is famous for the concise and perspicuous manner in which he treats domestic subjects. An excellent specimen of his ability in this line is his recent article on the *Bureaux de Placement*, (offices for procuring places) in which he exposes with an unsparing hand the abuses that have crept into these institutions. ALEXANDRE DUMAS having used up the "Comte de Monte Cristo, has taken to the Countess of that ilk, and is now immortalizing her in a feuilleton in the *Petite Presse* which threatens to be as interminable as those of M. PONSON DU TERRAIL. I forgot to mention, when alluding to this last-mentioned writer, that not content with ransacking the stories of French legendary love, he has betaken himself to England in search of materials for his literary enterprises. Under the title of "The Miseries of London" he is publishing in the *Petite Presse* a story which is sentimental enough to please the taste of the most ardent admirer of highly-seasoned romances.

The *Petit Journal* was founded in 1862 and in 1864, only two years after, it printed and circulated daily 200,000 copies. Its present issue is about 45,000 more, and even this enormous aggregate is rapidly increasing. The founder and editor-in-chief is M. LEO LESPES, better known under his pseudonym of "Timothée Trim," with which all his articles are signed. If success be a test of ability, M. LESPES is one of the most talented journalists of the day, for nearly all the newspapers with which he has been connected have proved paying concerns. He was at one time sub-editor of *Figaro*, and contributed greatly to the present prominent position of that journal. M. LESPES served eight years as a private soldier in the Fifty-fifth Regiment of the line, but civil pursuits were more to his taste than a military life, and in 1840 he commenced his present fortunate career as a journalist. He is likewise the author of several amusing sketches of manners. Perhaps the most interesting of his numerous works is a little volume published in 1843 and called *The Mysteries of the Grand Opera*. EMILE GABORIAU, who writes somewhat in the style of Miss BRADDON, the authoress of *Lady Audley's Secret*, contributes at present the *feuilletons* to the *Petit Journal*. The story which he furnishes to its columns is styled *Les Esclaves de Paris*, and exhibits considerable power. The new establishment of the *Petit Journal*, in the Rue Lafayette, has been built at a cost of 2,000,000 francs, but it will form only a portion of the edifice which the proprietors contemplate erecting. Its *façade* is a highly ornate one, and through the large windows on the ground floor one of its steam cylinder presses is seen constantly at work. Of these there are four in the building, each of which has cost 40,000 francs. They are built somewhat on the Hoe model, but considerably amplified and improved by the French engineer, MARINONI. These presses possess the advantage of printing both sides of the paper at once, and they throw off 144,000 perfect impressions per hour. The following is an exact statement of the time occupied in setting up and printing the *Petit Journal*:

Composition	2 hours
Stereotyping	1½ hours
Press-work	2½ hours
Total	6 hours

All these facts considered, the prices charged for their presses appears extremely small compared with that demanded by Mr. HOE. The total number of persons employed in the two establishments of the *Petit Journal*, Rue Lafayette and Rue Richelieu, is 300, inclusive of the compositors. It will take five or six months more to finish the upper portion of the building in the Rue Lafayette, destined to receive the editoral and commercial staffs. The *Petit Journal* is in the hands of a proprietary formed on the principle of "limited liability."

The *Petit Figaro* is a reprint of the larger daily journal of the same name, the political portion being omitted. It is now in the fourteenth year of its existence, having been founded in 1854 by M. DE VILLEMESSANT, assisted by some of the ablest journalists of Paris. The course of these gentlemen in connection with the journal would almost give ground for the belief that pugnacity is intimately associated with talent. They have fought in the period named no less than twelve duels, three of which were assumed by the Editor-in-Chief, M. DE VILLEMESSANT, as his proportion of responsibility. A report of all the prosecutions which M. DE VILLEMSSANT (who is of Legitimist tendencies) has had to defend, and of the imprisonments he has suffered for contravention of the Press laws, would fill a moderately-sized volume. HENRI ROCHEFORT, ALBERT WOOLF and AURELIEN SCHOLL are the principal contributors of those caustic articles on passing occurrences for which the two *Figaros*, parent and offspring, are noted. M. SCHOLL, who was the founder of the satirical journal called *Le Nain Jaune*, (which was suppressed a few weeks ago,) is almost as famous for his duelling propensities as his editor-in-chief, M. de VILLEMESSANT. He may literally be said, throughout his stormy career, to have wielded the pen with one hand and the sword with the other. The *feuilleton* of the *Petit Figaro* is also occasionally contributed to by ERNEST FEYDEAU, who wrote "*Fanny*" and the "*Coup de Bourse*," and JULES CAUVAIN, the author of *Les Ardents de Picardie*. The sensational story now being published in its columns under the title of *Le Roi Misere*, is by that ingemous writer, PAUL SAUNIER. A series of interesting articles have lately been communicated to this journal by Madame LOUISE COLET, who stands preëminent among the literary ladies of France in her triple crpacity of novellist, poetess, and dramatist. It is to this graceful writer that the French are indebted for the best translations that have appeared of Shakespeares "Julius Cæsar," and "The Tempest."

Le Philosophe is in the first year of its existence, and has only reached its fortieth number. It is edited by MM. GILBERT MARTIN, TRIBELO, &c., and was forbidden to be sold on the public highway by the Minister of the Interior, on account of a scurrilous article which appeared in its columns under the title of "The Athletic Arena." The *Tintamarre* and *Charivari* are kindred publications, alike good humored, witty and satirical. The *Charivari* has been edited by PAUL VERON since 1859. This gentleman has been a valuable contributor to no less than nine different journals, two of which, the *Avenir National* and the *Opinion Nationale*, rank among the seventeen leading political Paris journals. The *Refusé* has been recently started, and is merely a revival, under another name, of the *Satan*, which was suppressed since the commencement of the debates on the Press law. *D'Artagnan* is the latest offspring of that literary veteran, the elder DUMAS. His daughter, Mlle. DUMAS, contributes to it a tale of powerful domestic interest, entitled "Mme. Benoit." *La Vogue Parisienne* is exclusively of a literary and artistic character, no sort of political influences being allowed to interfere with its management. One of its principal editors, GUSTAVE AIMARD, resided for upwards of ten years in America, and for a considerable portion of the time sojourned among the Indians in the Far West. He is a prolific writer, and, like "Ponson de Terrail," seems to work off novels from his brain almost as fast as the novels themselves are worked off from the press. M. AIMARD is well-known in the States as the author of a number of works illustrative of Indian life.

L'Image is an illustrated daily paper somewhat in the style of the *Charivari*. It has only been about two years in existence. It scatters its caricatures over its pages in reckless profusion, no less than 2,000 of them having been published in one year. *L'Independance Parisienne* is got up somewhat in the same style as the *Image*, but is greatly inferior to it both in its articles and illustrations. It is about five years old. *Le Boufon* is edited by HENRY LECOMTE, but its articles are spiritless and its illustrations coarse. *Le Petit Journal pour Rire* is decidedly the best of the cheap caricature newspapers. It has passed the critical period of French journalism—the third year—and may now be considered as established. The illustrated sketches by A. GREVIN exhibit a good deal of talent and life-like fidelity. *L'Eclipse* is newly born, and for a literary bantling may be said to be doing well. *Le Hanneton* has been established about seven years, and it is a wonder that a publication of such a character could have maintained its existence so long. It possesses neither literary nor artistic merit. *L'Auvergnat* is of the illustrated, satirical order, but it occasionally contains articles of a more serious character. It has its circulation principally amongst the people from the province from which it takes its name. When it is remembered that the coal and wood dealers, the water carriers the hawkers of umbrellas, the dealers in old iron and in rabbit skins, and a multitude of street vendors of similar articles, all hail from it, it will be seen that it addresses itself to the sympathies of a class considerable in itself and well able to support a publication of this character. Dr. ALLARD, the great authority in mineral springs, contributes to its columns a series of interesting papers, devoted to an account of the Thermo-mineral waters of Auvergne.

La Vie Parisienne, *L'Illustration*, *Le Monde Illustre* and the *Journal Amusant* are superior, both as regards literary matter and illustrations, to most of this class of publications. In fact, the illustrated papers of Paris would furnish material sufficient in itself for a long article. *La Gazette des Etrangers* is the last of the journals on my list of the papers comprising the *petite presse*. It was founded about ten years ago, and is conducted by HENRI DE PENE, formerly editor of the *Figaro*, which paper he quitted after his duel with M. DE VILLEMESSANT. The *Gazette des Etrangers* is distributed every morning gratis at the principal Paris hotels, and travellers can receive a copy of it during their stay without payment. It contains complete lits of the strangers who arrive in Paris, with the fullest information regarding the theatres and other places of amusement. The American *soirees* and balls receive their full share of attention in its columns.

Literary, Musical and Theatrical Intelligence—New Work by the Abbe ——The Memoirs of Maximilian—A Libel Suit—New Oratorio—The Drama "Le Vengeur"—Personal.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Thursday, March 12, 1868.

The author of *Le Mandit* has just finished an important work, which sketches out a programme of ecclesiastical reforms for the grand council which is to be held in Rome early in December next. This writer, a French abbe, who preserves his incognito from the fear of being visited by censure or suspension, is a man of advanced opinions, and the reforms which he advocates would no doubt contribute greatly to correct the abuses of the Papal system, and to place the Catholic Church more in accordance with the spirit of the age. Whether his views will meet with any attention from the body on whose deliberations it is desired to produce an impression is another question. All rational Catholics admit the necessity of reforms in the government and discipline of the Church, but in the present temper of the Holy Father and his advisers there is very little hope that the initiative will be taken by them. The book will nevertheless excite great interest, as it will show how reform can be safely carried out without interference with doctrinal principles. The council which the book is intended to influence will be the most important that has been held in Rome for several centuries. EDGAR QUINET'S new work, *Quinze ans d'Exil*, is also finished and in the hands of the printers. The souvenirs of such a man must be at all time interesting, but clothed in the charms of a style which is unrivalled for its force and picturesqueness, they cannot fail to insure translation and reproduction in the United States. A work which will also excite a good deal of curiosity at your side is the *Memoirs of the Late Emperor Maximilian*, by Dr. BASCH, which will shortly be published by DUNCKER & HUMBLOT, of Leipsig. The author was physician to the Emperor, and it is stated that among the new and interesting documents which the work will contain will be a brief history of his reign, written by His Majesty himself. There will also be published in it a portion of the journal kept by him during his imprisonment at Queretaro. These features, with the Emperor's correspondence, give to the work a degree of importance and authenticity which no other publications on the same subject have presented up to the present time. A *History of the Mexican Empire*, by the Abbe DOMENECK, is also announced. Although merely a compilation, it will have a certain value as grouping together all the important facts and documents which have been published from time to time in connection with the brief reign of MAXIMILIAN.

MUSICAL.

The Civil Tribunal of the Seine has just given judgment in the Bagier-Escudier affair. The prosecution, it will be remembered, was instituted by M. BAGIER against M. MARIE ESCUDIER, the proprietor and editor of the *France Musicale*, for the injury done to him by the criticisms published in that paper, in connection with ADELINA PATTI'S engagement. Although there was a great deal of truth in the remarks of M. ESCUDIER on the mischievous effects of the star system on the interests of the opera and of music generally, it must be owned that he pushed rather far the campaign he had undertaken against it by attempting to depreciate the qualities of an artist whose merits are so universally recognized. The judgment of the Tribunal, after reciting that he had not confined himself to his rights as a critic, but had put forward the assertion that "the unreasonable salary and fabulous exigencies of a single artist (PATTI) swallowed up all the receipts and accelerated the ruin of the enterprise," an assertion obviously intended to do the plaintiff injury, condemned M. ESCUDIER to publish in the next number of his paper the motives and conclusions of the judgment, under a penalty of twenty francs for each day's delay in complying with the order of the Court, and sentenced him, moreover, to pay all the costs. The critic, no doubt, congratulates himself on getting off so cheaply. Had he been an offender against what are called, under the present *régime*, "the political or religious interests of society," he would have been brought before the Tribunal Correctional and probably condemned to a month's imprisonment and a fine of 1,000f. Let me add that apart from the injustice with which Mlle. PATTI was treated, there was much in the articles complained of by Mr. BAGIER that applies to the present system of operatic management in America, and that could be reproduced to the profit of both public and directors. I would suggest to the musical journals—those which can afford the space—the policy of republishing them in their entirety. The opinions of a writer like M. ESCUDIER, who thoroughly understands the subject, cannot fail to exercise some influence, as indicating the views that are taken here of the ruinous effect of the policy which is at present being pursued on both sides of the Atlantic in connection with the opera.

Perhaps the best evidence that can be adduced of the justice of M. ESCUDIER'S strictures is the arrangement which M. BAGIER has been compelled to make with M. CARVALHO. If the "Italiens" was properly managed, it would certainly not be compelled to submit to a duality of uses and denominations. Such arrangements invariably tend to a confusion in the ideas of the public as well as of the management, which are injurious to the interests of all concerned. The economy of expenditure which is sought to be effected by them can never compensate for the falling off in enterprise and individual ambition to which it must lead. Thus devoted to Italian opera three nights in the week and to French opera the three other nights, the Salle de Ventadour will cease to have any distinctive character. The same scenery will be used for both, and, in all probability, the same costumes. Occasionally, too, the poverty which necessitates such shifts will lead to the employment of the same artists. Of the effect of all this, I leave you to judge. I shall merely add that M. CARVALHO opens his Theatre de la Renaissance with *Faust*, the work in which his wife has won such honors.

A grand oratorio by DUPREZ is the latest musical novelty announced. It is entitled "The Last Judgment," and has been inspired by a picture of MICHAEL ANGELO. The words and music are by DUPREZ, who will himself sing the recitative parts at the first performance, which is to take place at the Cirque de l'Imperatrice, at the end of this month. One hundred and fifty artists are engaged for the occasion. The proceeds of the performance are to be given to the Asylum for the Aged, in the Faubourg St. Martin.

ADELINA PATTI has been creating a great *furore* at Lille, in the French version of the *rôle* of *Marguerite*. Her pronunciation of the language is now so accurate that she can safely venture on repeating the experiment in other parts.

THE THEATRES.

The new piece at the Chatelet, "Le Vengeur," is a complete failure. M. HOSTEIN is unfortunate. His "Gulliver," mounted at great expense, was but a mediocre success, and his last venture, also costly, has not succeeded in eliciting a single favorable criticism. A drama professing to be strictly historical, and laid at a period full of glorious *souvenirs* for France, it had a reasonable chance of securing the sympathies of the public. The causes of its failure are thus indicated in an excellent criticism by M. EMANUEL ARAGO:

"At times through ignorance, at times through the total absence of talent, our authors continually pervert the truth. Add to these drawbacks the fear of Government censorship, or the desire to flatter those in power, and you can understand the regrettable causes which render almost always wortnless or unsuitable the dramas which claim to be historical, and to serve as an initiation to the knowledge of our national past. And yet to insult by means of the arts, or to corrupt the conscience of the people, is nothing less than a profanation. The candor with which it receives the impressions which the theatre communicates to it should be scrupulously respected. There is a strict obligation that nothing should be exposed to its view which tends to give it false impressions of the past."

In the presence of criticisms like this, which, be it observed, are confined to no particular class of political opinions, it is not probable that the piece will live beyond the period usually allotted to the condemned.

It is announced that the dramatized version of one of CHARLES DICKENS' tales, now being performed with so much success at the Adelphi, will be produced at the Porte St. Martin immediately after the withdrawal of "Glenarvon." The part played by FECHTER in London is to be given to BERTON.

PERSONAL.

The weekly evening receptions at the American Legation have been suspended by Lent. Gen. DIX has been absent from his post for a few days, having been called to London to attend the marriage of his son. Among the recent arrivals here are Mr. GEORGE JONES (NEW-YORK TIMES) and family. They have been passing the last two months in Italy.

AFFAIRS IN ITALY.

Rome in Spring-Time—Art Life and American Artists in the Eternal City—Personal.

From our Own Corresponde.

ROME, Saturday, Feb. 29, 1868.

Rome has a very pleasant look just now, the weather is so fine, and everybody seems to be enjoying it very much. We are able to sit with our windows open, and what with the bright sky, soft air, and many trees in blossom, it is extremely agreeable, and leaves nothing more at present to be asked for. The lizards are all out of their holes, and the Roman beggars likewise, and while one is searching for the first Spring like one in America. The English hold their worship in an adjoining building, with even more ample accommodations. ANGELICO.

Close of the Carnival—Americans in Rome—Death of Benjamin Ogle Tayloe—Story's Statue of Peabody—The Young Hannibal with the Eagle—Illumination of the Colosseum, &c.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

ROME, Sunday, March 1, 1868.

The carnival is over at last, and I am glad of it; for we got tired of the interminable showers of *confetti* and bouquets, from street to balcony and *vice versa*. The crowd in the corso on Tuesday, the last day, was so dense as to render the passage of the masqueraders in carriages very difficult, and the mounted dragoons, who patrolled the streets in squads of four or five to keep the peace, were obliged to walk their horses in single file, and even at that pace to make constant stops. There were occasionally losses of temper, invariably among the *forestieri*, for with the Romans it is a season of universal license, and one disappointed swain, who failed to secure a bouquet thrown to him from a balcony, ventured to kick a young American who happened to be in the crowd, which gathers thick when there is a chance of intercepting anything thrown from or to a balcony, and was immediately and very handsomely knocked down for his insolence. The *gens d'armes* interfered and a complaint having being made by the prostrate donkey, the American was arrested, but our spirited Consul, Mr. CUSHMAN, being applied to, the facts of the case were stated and our young countryman was speedily released. But for the strangers the carnival would have been an utter failure; for, of the Romans, the Liberals would not come near the Corso, and even the Papalini seemed indisposed to take much part. The balcony of the ex-king of Naples was only occupied by his handsome Queen on the last day, and in return for the multitudinous bouquets thrown to her, she was very liberal and gracious with pretty *bonbonnieres*, of which she had provided a large stock—some of which will, depend upon it, be taken back to New-York as "mementos" of the Royal Lady who gave them. After the horse-race, at which there is always one poor brute far in the rear of the others, who is greeted as he gallops along with shouts of inexpressible derision, the *moccoletti* began to make their appearance, and every balcony along the whole length of the street was brilliant, for awhile, with little wax candles. The fun consists in putting out the lights of your neighbors, while endeavoring to save your own—long poles with bushes, cloths and what-not at their ends, being used to reach from the different balconies. The people in the streets too, carry lights and, as the carriages pass, try in every way to extinguish every candle they can see, while from the balconies bouquets are thrown with the same intent. It was not long before there were but very few lights left, and then the crowd dispersed, though the fun was kept up, with dances and masquerades, all over the city until 11:30 o'clock, when the preparations for Ash-Wednesday commence. I was surprised to see that the day was not more strictly kept here—all the shops being open as usual—while upon any of the innumerable close *festas* everything is closed and all work rigorously forbidden. There was an imposing early service in the Sistine Chapel, and the American Church was crowded with an attentive and devout congregation, and with three American clergymen in the chancel. Dr. LYMAN, the Rector of the Parish, gave us an impressive and appropriate sermon, inspired, partly, by the sudden death of BENJAMIN OGLE TAYLOE, who fell down in the street on Tuesday from an attack of appoplexy, and died in a few hours. His hospitable and charming house at Washington, before the rebellion, was one of the chief attractions of the city, and Mrs. TAYLOE, who was here with husband, both of them well advanced in years, has not lacked the sympathy and aid of numerous friends and countrymen.

Mr. PEABODY, who has been the guest of STORY for two or three weeks, has returned to Nice, suffering somewhat from an attack of gout in the right hand and arm. He had a private audience with the Pope (Mr. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, of Boston, and Mr. J. C. HOOKER being also present,) and these two old men of seventy-three and seventy-six, as they sat next to each other, had a pleasant, cordial talk of half-an-hour, followed by a visit to Cardinal ANTONELLI, who spoke of Mr. PEABODY'S munificence to all classes of the suffering, without distinction of clime or faith, as true charity indeed. Finding that the Cardinal was interested in the Santo Spirito Hospital, where relief is afforded alike to Jew and Gentile, Turk and Christian, of whatever sect, Mr. PEABODY sent him 1,000 francs in gold, which was gracefully acknowledged by both the Pope and the Cardinal. To various other charities two handsome donations were given, and with the fortune that yet remains to him, after all his unprecedented benefactions, Mr. PEABODY meditates still further acts of munificent well-doing. The City of London having some time ago appropriated $20,000 for a statue of our large-hearted countryman, STORY was, by the unanimous voice of the Committee having the matter in charge, as well as with the concurrence of the English artists, selected as the sculptor for the work. Mr. PEABODY has accordingly been sitting to him for the cast, which is now nearly complete, and may be pronounced a great success. The figure is colossal—sitting in an arm-chair, in ordinary modern costume, and in the clay—with which all true artists so love to work—the pose is as easy and natural as the expression of the face is admirable and life-like. If adequately reproduced in the bronze, the City of London will have as good reason to be pleased with the statue, as his countrymen will be proud of the true artist, to whom it has been a veritable labor of love—to be followed, let us hope, by many similar commissions—for who would not wish to live in STORY?

Another very clever statue, which took my fancy amazingly, I saw in the studio of a French artist, D'EPINAY—the Young Hannibal with the Eagle—and it is hard to say which is most worthy of admiration, the elaborate and faithful workmanship of the Imperial bird, with ruffled plumage, open beak and most prehensile claw, or the spirited, natural, real boy—not a little man—who is fighting with all his might and main against his formidable adversary. The old story is wonderfully well told in the beautiful marble, and I was glad that my first view of it was by the side of CHARLOTTE CUSHMAN, whose keen and appreciative judgment delights in such a proof of real genius. It was a pleasant confirmation of a layman's admiration, to have her critical approval.

On Thursday night we had an illumination of the Colosseum with Bengal lights. There was a large crowd, the immense amphitheatre being filled, and the assortment of languages was varied, though I fancy the Saxon prevailed. The band of the *Gens d'Armes* furnished the music, and after two rockets were sent off, as the colored stars of the last one faded away, the whole interior of the grand old ruin became brilliant with green and rose lights. This was twice repeated, and then the outside was illuminated in the same way—alternate arches of green and rose—to the great delight of the numberless spectators, who thronged every little hillock in the neighborhood. As we turned to leave for home, the Colosseum was enveloped in one vast pink cloud, the reflection of which upon the Arch of Constantine, upon Byron's nameless column, and all the lovely ruins of the old Forum, was very beautiful. It was a successful exhibition; but, after all, who would see the Colosseum a right, must view it by the pale moonlight; and as we are at the commencement of the young moon, in the course of a few more nights we shall have that opportunity. March, which, at home, generally comes in like a lion, has here made a most lamb-like *début*, with skies as blue and airs as soft as our loveliest Spring-days. It is a glorious season, tempting to continual exercise; the heat of the sun being pleasantly tempered by the invigorating wind which blows over the still snow-clad Alban and Sabine hills. K.

ENGLAND.

Crimes in London—Terrible Destitution, Starvation and Suicide—Crowded Churchyards.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Monday, March 11.

England is startled and shocked just now by strange and sanguinary crimes, ferocious and inexplicable murders, a terrible neglect of the poor, and most afflicting instances of death from starvation. The East London relief fund is exhausted, while the need is as great as ever. Miss COUTTS has just given another £500, the smallest amount she ever thinks of giving, and the Queen is sending pretty copies of her excellent diary to various hospitals and asylums, but, though nice reading, it does not fill the bellies of the hungry poor. It was noped by some charitable persons that the £10,000 profits on the first edition would be given by Her Majesty to some benevolent object, but no intimation of such a design has been given.

The cases of want, starvation, or suicide to avoid starvation, have become so common at last that they are crowded away in brief paragraphs in odd corners of the newspapers. One day it is an inquest on two little boys, children of respectable parents, who had pined away to skeletons, and one night perished of cold and hunger. Another day a middle-aged man, after a long struggle, gets tired of it, and, finding a loaded pistol, puts it to his head, and gets out of it that way. The last sensation of crime is the attempted murder of a whole family by a young man, who had been hindered from keeping company with one of the servants. He armed himself with six pistols; shot a servant-girl, and grievously wounded the clergyman and his wife who had crossed his inclinations. Such a man can scarcely be sane, but his fate is very sure. In England almost any man can be found crazy for making a will, but not for committing a murder.

A singular crime has just been brought to light at Birmingham. A rich old bachelor lived alone with a housekeeper, who hit upon this plan for securing for herself a portion of his property. She induced a man to go with her to a church in Birmingham, and personating her master, marry her. The register was signed and the certificate given. The other day the old miser died intestate, and when his legal heirs came to take possession of the property, they were confronted by his disconsolate widow with her certificate. The clergyman was brought to look at the corpse, and declared that he had never married it. The signature in the register was pronounced a forgery. The heirs-at-law declare that they can prove an *alibi*, the widdy is in jail and the Police are after the make-believe husband. Why did not some novelist invent all this, and not leave it for the mere matter-of-fact police reporters?

Some years ago we had horrible stories about the crowded churchyards in London. It is all changed now, and the dead are buried in large and beautiful suburban cemeteries; but a crowded parish meeting was held in Southwark the other night, to protest against the violation of one of those old burial-grounds. The vestrymen had decided to build upon it a dead-house, and a furnace and shaft for burning infected clothing, in this space only forty yards square, surrounded by dwellings, in which had been buried 35,000 bodies. These were to be crushed down four feet or carted off in the parish dust-carts. "Would they tamely submit," the Chairman asked, "to such wicked desecration of the graves and bones of their fathers and children?" Of course not; so these people who had buried forty-four bodies in each space six feet long and three wide, resolved, in a very forcible anti-climax that the contemplated proceedings would be "a wicked violation of the sanctity of the grave, a constant cause of infection and disease to persons residing in the locality, a very serious injury to the neighboring property, and a discreditable waste of the parish funds."

Prize-fighting is slowly falling into disrepute in England. Fifty years ago matches were publicly advertised in the London sporting papers between women as well as men. At present such fights are not known, I mean formal and regular matches, in the metropolis; but a few days ago one took place at Shrewsbury, between two women, who fought in a regular ring, with seconds, for five shillings, some considerable time "by Shrewsbury clock," until, in the third round, MARY, smarting from a well-planted blow, bit ALICE on the arm. ALICE'S partisans cried "foul," and there was such a row that the owner of the ground threatened to call the Police. The whole party then went to a field, where the two pretty girls fought four rounds more, when they and the ring-leaders were arrested, taken before a Magistrate and fined or imprisoned.

If many of the highest personages in England are not so charitable as could be wished, it is not because foreigners do not set them good examples. Mr. PEABODY set them a grand one, which they are too slow to follow. It is said, indeed, that the Peabody Fund is already perverted, so that the "Poor of London" get no benefit from it. I think vastly more could be done in a way I have already pointed out, with the money; but what has been done is good, and benefits the poor and poorest, though indirectly. But Mr. PEABODY stands not alone. A great philanthropist in India has contributed £1,200, also, for the benefit of the poor of London. It has been expended in the erection of an elegant drinking-fountain in Hyde Park. Under a gothic cross of admirable architecture trickles a little stream of Thames or New-river water, for the benefit of tired tee-totalers. The benefactor, as you may read in old English characters on a brass plate, is the MAHARAJAH MIRZA VIZERAM GEYAPUTTY RAJ MUNCA SOOLTAN BAHADOOR of Vizianagram. The fountain was opened a few days ago, with becoming pomp—that is to say, the Archbishop of Canterbury "offered up a prayer;" the Duke of Cambridge then stooped looking into his hat, took a slight disgustful drink, and declared the fountain open, and Lord HARRIS returned thanks for these small favors, on behalf of the donor. India is a hot country, and a draught of water a boon. In these cool, moist latitudes, people mostly prefer gin or beer. But the Maharajah, &c., &c., means well. There are a number of like fountains in London, but they are locked up on Sundays when the public houses are closed, and when, if ever, people would go to them for drink. At Leamington the common and medicinal fountains are both locked fast up on Sunday, though the gin and beer shops are all open at the proper hours, when the churches are shut, so that you can get a glass of cool ale after a hot sermon, or something strong after a weak one.

But an East Indian Maharajah erecting a drinking fountain in Hyde Park, while millions of his countrymen were suffering and starving for lack of water, is about equal to the operations of our missionary societies sending the Gospel to the far-off heathen and neglecting those who swarm around their own doorsteps, literally perishing for lack of knowledge. MONADNOCK.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

The physicians consulted in the case of Rev. Mr. SPEKE, whose mysterious disappearance from London was recently productive of so much comment, state that their patient "appears to have been suffering for a long time under a depressing form of hypochondriasis, which dominated his whole mind. The distress caused to Mr. SPEKE by the melancholy death of his elder brother (the celebrated African traveler) much added to his hypochondriacal perversion, so that during the last two years Mr. SPEKE admits that he has had a strong desire, and was at length impelled to separate himself from all those to whom he was known, and hence his strange and apparently inexplicable conduct."

In a recent sitting of the French Academy of Sciences M. LE VERRIER, in a letter, gave some further information about the ninety-sixth telescopic planet discovered at Marseilles, stating that it had been observed at Paris by M. LOEWY, with the great meridian instrument. M. DELAUNAY, after M. LE VERRIER'S letter had been read, expressed his regret that he (M. LE VERRIER) should persist in refusing to mention the names of the observers who discovered small planets at the Observatory of Marseilles, and informed the Academy that the young observer who had discovered the ninety-sixth planet was M. BORELLY.

Many persons have lately been stopped by footpads at Marseilles, who employ a new method of seizing their victims—namely, by throwing a lasso over them. These outrages have naturally caused great alarm in the town. As a precaution against these attacks many of the inhabitants, going out after nightfall in by-places, carry an umbrella over their heads, although it may be a beautiful starlight night.

The journalists of France have waited upon some of the Ministers and asked for the total abolition of the newspaper stamp, and if this exemption should not be accorded they have demanded that the stamp should be imposed alike on journals of every description—whether daily or weekly, literary or political—without any arbitrary distinction between them.

The Emperor has decided that the completion and publication of the works of the late M. LEON FOUCAULT shall be defrayed from the Imperial privy purse. An annual sum of 10,000 francs will

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Interesting Letters from Mexico, Cuba, the Pacific Coast and the New Dominion.

The Chinese Government and Its Embassy to the Great Powers.

AFFAIRS IN MEXICO.

The Anti-Juarez Plot—Brigandage—A Revolution in Progress—Congress—The Future of the Republic.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MEXICO, Wednesday, March 4, 1868.

In several of my former letters I have told you that the universal feeling among all classes and parties was that of disappointment, if not of positive dissatisfaction; and I ventured to say that from the sentiments of gratification I had heard expressed in regard to the adverse rumors from Yucatan, induced me to believe that the conspirators were at work here in the capital, and that they only awaited confirmation of the adverse news to make a demonstration. They have been even more precipitate than was expected, as on Monday night last an attempt was made to assassinate President JUAREZ and the members of his Cabinet at the Theatre Iturbide. Fortunately, the plot was disclosed to the Government in time for the General commanding in the city to make the necessary preparations to frustrate the attempt and to arrest the traitors. Some seventy-five officers and soldiers have been apprehended, and are now imprisoned, awaiting an investigation. A Col. ADALID, an ex-Imperial officer, it seems, was at the head of the affair, and was assisted and seconded by a Lieut.-Col. GARZA, commanding one of the regiments stationed in the city. ADALID, accompanied by some 30 or more men, was to have assassinated the President in his box at the theatre, and GARZA, whose regiment was on duty at the palace, was to have seized upon that central stronghold, and to have arrested, and if need be, killed all of the Ministers. The plot was only discovered about an hour before the time appointed for its execution, and much credit is due the General commanding here for the prompt and efficient measures he adopted under the circumstances. That great disorder would have prevailed in the city, and that many outrages would probably have been committed, had the affair been successful, cannot be doubted; as we understand now that it was a part of the plan to rob the public treasury, all the private banks, and as many of the commercial houses as possible. Some 75 or 80 arrests have been made, but no one believes that the attempt originated with so small a number. The whole matter is a fair sample, we take it, of the truth of the assertion in regard to the establishment of law, peace and order.

BRIGANDAGE.

Robberies and kidnapping of the most outrageous and bold character still continue to be of daily occurrence. Indeed, they are carried to such an extent that no one can feel in security in or out of doors, by day or by night. This being the state of affairs within the capital, under the very eyes of the authorities, and in spite of a numerous police force and a garrison of several thousand troops, it is needless to say that the surrounding country, where there are neither soldiers nor police, is in even a worse condition. Physicians are decoyed from their homes under the pretence of being summoned to an invalid's bedside, and soon find themselves waylaid and robbed, thinking themselves fortunate if not maltreated. Scarcely a day passes but a rider is lassoed within a stone's throw of some gate or other station of the police or military, and either carried off to be ransomed, or robbed of his horse, clothes and valuables, and left to find his way home as best he may; sometimes he receives a sound thrashing for not having his pockets well supplied with *dinero*.

REVOLUTION.

Such is the state of things here at present; let other correspondents strive to create a contrary impression if they will. In the language of PATRICK HENRY, they "may cry peace, peace; but there is no peace." All admit that there was a *bona fide* revolution in Yucatan, and although the last news from that quarter is to the effect that it has been suppressed, but few persons here believe it.

In Sinaloa we have another unquestionable revolution. The revolutionists have published their manifesto, which is signed by the leading men of that section. The Press of the capital is trying hard to represent this disturbance as purely local, but cannot deny that it is in direct and open opposition to the mandates and decisions of the Central Government. If it were not, why the necessity for sending large bodies of Government troops from San Luis Potosi? The public treasury is not so replete that so expensive an expedition could be indulged in merely to settle the question as to the claims of two aspirants to the Governorship of a State.

In Guerrero, too, the war between Gens. ALVAREZ and JIMINEZ still progresses, without any efforts being made to suppress it. In regard to this State all seem disposed to let the men fight it out among themselves, very much after the fashion of the old woman in the fight between the bull-dog and bear. She thought them very dangerous animals—that they were making a very pretty fight any how, and she didn't much care which whipped—she hoped both would.

The insurrectionists in the District of Tulancingo have not been arrested. The papers report that there have been several collisions between them and the Government troops, in which the latter were signally victorious, but this may and will be doubted, as we know that the other party are steadily increasing in numbers and becoming daily bolder.

In Huachinango, on the northern border, and in several other directions we hear of disturbances, and lastly, we have heard of some in the capital itself. It would be mere folly to say that we are on the eve of a revolution, for the truth is simply that a revolution is now in existence There is not much unity of action as yet between the several parties, but there never is at the outset of Mexican revolutions. Each party continues to increase, and we feel sure that it will not be long before the several chiefs will give a coloring of enmity to their actions by settling upon the name of some one man in favor of whom they will pretend to be fighting. ORTEGA now seems to be the most favored, one or two parties having mentioned his name; but whoever the candidate, it will most certainly not be JUAREZ.

While the country is in this distracted state, and daily becoming worse, the so-called National Congress continues in session three or four hours on each day, (unless there is a feast of some kind on hand,) and strives most diligently to prove that its members are well versed in the art of not doing anything. Indeed, what little may be said to have been accomplished by them, is the undoing of what had previously been done, and the passage of laws and resolutions, tending effectually to prevent anything being done in the future.

The grant made to the English Company to complete the railroad from this city to Vera Cruz has been annulled. They say they will make another, but no one imagines that they will accord anything that will prove acceptable. The general impression now prevails that they are determined by some means or other to get the road out of the hands of its present owners. I understand that a proposition was made to pay off the creditors of the road, in Mexican Bonds at par, bearing six per cent. interest. As many of them as one wants with four years' interest due, can be bought for twenty cents on the dollar. This is certainly an economical mode of settling for services rendered. The two grants asked by American companies still remain buried in the committee rooms, and all efforts to bring them forward have thus far proved unavailing. The opposition to them seems to rest upon the supposition that if made the grant will amount to a cession of all their northern territory. No argument is sufficiently strong to remove the prejudice to having their lands occupied by Americans.

THE FUTURE.

The most intelligent among them readily admit in conversation that the whole future of the country depends upon immigration and the introduction of foreign capital; but the moment they are asked to grant or do someting to induce the coming or bringing of the one or the other, the constant and unconquerable fear that it will lead to the loss of territory, makes them pause, hesitate and finally refuse. The fact is simply, and in a few words, that they are utterly incapable of self-government; they know it well, feel it, and it makes them hate and distrust all whom they know to be their superiors in this respect. There never was and never will be a greater failure than the attempt to establish this Liberal Government.

It is no exaggeration to say that at this moment seven-tenths of the population, especially of the working people, would gladly second an effort to place the country under the flag and Government of the United States. The newspapers in the pay of the Government and the politicians who seek places and self-aggrandizement would oppose the measure most strenuously, but the people would favor it, and they would be joined by a very large portion of the most respectable members of the wealthy class; indeed the latter would lend assistance to any party or person that would show them a fair prospect of stability and security.

GEN. DIAZ.

The later news from Gen. DIAZ is to the effect that he has recovered from the effects of his accident, though still deaf in one ear. He is now in Oajaca, his native place, enjoying public hospitality, demonstrations of respect, and ovations of every kind. He is without doubt the most popular man with the masses now living in Mexico.

AFFAIRS IN CUBA.

Relations of Spain and Mexico—Mexican Refugees and their Movements and Plans—Lersundi and the Bishop—Suicide—Havana Theatricals.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Saturday, March 21, 1868.

Many of the leading Mexican journals have lately contained very bitter articles against the Spanish Government, and particularly against its representatives in the Island of Cuba, owing to the alleged aid afforded by these persons to the Mexican refugees in Cuba, whom they assisted in raising funds and organizing expeditions for the avowed purpose of overthrowing the present Government of Mexico. The Mexican journals are perfectly correct in stating that many expeditions have been organized in Havana, which have caused scenes of strife to to be enacted in the Republic, but they are mistaken when they say that the Yucatan expedition was gotten up by and with the consent and aid of the Spanish authorities at present governing the Island of Cuba, and that these same authorities are at present not only conniving with, but also helping the numerous refugees of all shades, who are opposed to the Juarez Administration, to raise funds and revolutionary troops. The *Prensa* and *Diario* have taken this matter up, and on the 18th each paper contained a long editorial tirade protesting against the soft impeachment, and embracing the opportunity to tell their readers in how pure and disinterested a manner the Spanish Government had always acted toward the recreant subjects of the Spanish realm. If the truth were told it would be ascertained that nearly every ultra Spanish heart is pleased to hear of revolutions and counter-revolutions in any of the Spanish American republics; whilst their frustrated attempts to possess St. Domingo and make war with Chili and Peru, not forgetting the attempt made to enforce the claims against Mexico, prove conclusively that the defeat of the royal armies by a disorganized body of *mestiz* and creole nations, and the impudence of setting up a government of their own without the aid of thousands of office-seekers and office-holders from old Spain, is not yet forgotten, although many years have since passed by. If there were the least chance of securing the lost foothold in any of the republics, there is no doubt that impoverished Spain would move heaven and earth to obtain the sinews of war, whilst the sons of the chieftains who, by superior forces and on a foreign soil, were defeated, would with enthusiasm volunteer in an enterprise which might afford them an opportunity to wipe out an old score.

MOVEMENTS OF MEXICAN REFUGEES.

As far as the movements of the prominent Mexicans on this island are concerned, they are few and unimportant. SANTA ANNA and some of his friends, hangers-on and leeches, still hold mutual admiration meetings; but their plots will never reach maturity, as SANTA ANNA's popularity is of no account in Mexico, and as the influence exercised by his partisans has become very small. The principal impediment to action, however, is his want of funds; for SANTA ANNA has no longer millions or thousands at his disposal, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

MARQUEZ is either traveling about the island, or else living quietly at some country seat near Havana, patiently waiting events and continually plotting to create disturbances in Mexico. His fellow countrymen hate him, and nevertheless they are compelled to humor and flatter him, as his assistance in a military point of view and his influence in certain portions of Mexico are too great to be dispensed with. MARQUEZ is well aware of this fact, and requites this hatred with a degree of contempt and supreme disgust, which he takes little pains to disguise. When Mexicans meet him, however, "my dear General," "valiant warrior" and "heroic citizen" are among the many complimentary expressions lavished upon him.

EX-President ZULOAGA is entirely foreign to all political machinations, and is farming on a small estate near Marianao, and working very hard to support his family. ZULOAGA is poor, and altogether dependent on his manual labor. His good and unsophisticated nature would make him liable to become at any time the tool of a daring or wily politician, but his own tendencies are decidedly pacific.

The other prominent refugees, such as Ex-Ministers Duran, Portilla Lacunza, Brig.-Gens. Benito Zenia, Manuel Arellano, Federico Larrainzar, Cols. J. J. Jaurigui, L. G. de Rebollo, Lorenzo Roje, J. Garray, with a sprinkling of lawyers and writers, such as Jesus Hermosa, Carlos Hantis, Francisco Travesi, and others, are keeping a good understanding among themselves, all of them hoping to return to Mexico at no distant day, and once more assuming the government of a nation which at present does not even allow them to reside within its confines.

THE TEMPORAL AND THE SPIRITUAL POWER.

The difficulties between the Captain-General and the Bishop have not yet been adjusted, and the thousands of rumors current regarding this quarrel between the heads of the spiritual and temporal power would suffice to fill volumes. The refractory priest at Sancti Spiritus, who refused to obey the orders of the Captain-General, because they were in opposition to those of the Bishop, has been sent to Spain under arrest as a prisoner of State. It is positive that the Bishop, whose action resembles anything but that of a church dignitary, will either leave for Spain by the next mail steamer, or else be banished to Porto Rico by the Captain-General until his case has been decided in Spain. The entire population, with the exception of a few bigots and priests, sides with the Captain-General, the Bishop being universally disliked, and his past life and antecedents furnishing plenty of items for the composition of a neat little volume of *chronique scandaleuse*. The Captain-General refused permission to the correspondents of New-York journals to telegraph anything in relation to this matter by the Cable, and gave as a reason that it was a private and not a public matter.

SUICIDE.

The corpse of a fine-looking man was found floating on Thursday afternoon near the Elysee sea-baths. The deceased person had been seen to undress and wade coolly out into deep water some minutes previous. Several persons tried to save his life, but their efforts were ineffectual. Some very wild stories have been in circulation in relation to this matter, but none of them are sufficiently explicit to account for the fatal act or justify the belief of many who pretend to have recognized the features of the dead man. Previous to his interment, however, it was stated that a lady had identified the corpse, and that the life of the deceased man had really been a long martyrdom, and a fit subject for the pen of a DUMAS or SUE. Should this rumor prove correct, I shall be enabled to give full particulars in my next.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Bistori season has at last terminated, and the company will next visit Cardenas, Matanzas and other interior towns, but will not go to Porto Principe for the present, owing to the prevalence of small-pox in that city.

The Biachi opera troupe, reinforced by the tenor, BARAGLI, and the prima donna, BRAMBILLA, has commenced a short season at the Tacon theatre, where the *artistes* appear to better advantage than at the Villanueva. Their prospects of success are very good.

QUASIMODO.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Fenians vs. Chinese—Detestable Outrages against the Celestials—The Union State Convention—War on School Teachers — Republicanism Banished from the Schools—The Grand Army of the Republic.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Friday, Feb. 28, 1868.

Our very pious House of Assembly, whose religion consists in the amount of whisky each member can mak away with, have rejected the bill allowing Chinese to testify in the Courts of California, on the ground, as a sagacious legislator remarked, that John Chinaman was a pagan, and swears to strange oaths which are not consistent with the moral and religious sentiments of a Christian community The evil effects of this action of the Assembly is beginning to make itself felt already. The whisky-drinking loafers who hang round the dens of Waverley-place devote all the time they can spare from the bar-rooms to hunting down these poor miserable creatures, and committing outrages on them that ought to rouse the indignation of any civilized community. Last Monday evening, at the large fire in Dupont-street, a large crowd of these white-skinned scoundrels, who were kept back from the fire by the Police, amused themselves by throwing a China woman down in the muddy street, and dragging her back and forth by the hair for some minutes. At last one of the Police hearing her cries, rescued the poor female heathen from their clutches, and conveyed her to the calaboose for protection. He also arrested one of her assailants, who was pointed out by the woman, but as our very intelligent lawmakers have decided that she was nothing but an animal, she could not testify against him, and he was released on his arrival at the calaboose. The woman then begged the officer to take her to her husband's house, saying, in piteous accents, "Do please with me go! So many white mans killy me! Do with me go!" All of these assailants are of Irish birth, and seem to think that in committing these assaults they are advancing the interests of their party.

Hon. ANSON BURLINGAME is now on his way to this coast as Ambassador from the Court of China, and it is expected that he will demand the protection of the Government for her citizens. If the State of California will not protect with her laws one foreigner from the assaults of another, it then becomes the duty of the National Government to do it.

UNION STATE CONVENTION.

The Union State Central Committee has issued a call for a State Convention, to meet at Sacramento on the 31st of March next, to choose delegates to the National Republican Convention. A few "dead lights" of the Union Party, calling themselves the Republican Central Committee, taking umbrage at the Union State Committee for not admitting them to its counsels, met somewhere in secret session in this city, and resolved to make themselves the delegates to the National Convention. As all these gentlemen voted for HAIGHT last Fall, and did all in their power to give aid and comfort to the enemy, they will be a sight worth looking at when they appear before the Convention to make good their claims.

WAR ON UNION SCHOOL TEACHERS.

The war on the male teachers of our Common schools is being prosecuted with vigor. Messrs. HOYT, PELTON and FAIR, who have been connected with the schools for ten or fifteen years, have received their walking papers, and teachers who obtained their education in Southern institutions reign in their stead. It is feared that in a few months not a single grammar school will be in charge of a Union teacher. All histories and readers containing any matter favorable to the Union cause during the late rebellion have been thrown out from our text books. The girls are prohibited from writing Union compositions, and the boy who attempts to recite any extracts from the speeches of our late President is expelled. Those in power are carrying things with a high hand, as if determined to make good use of the short time left them. Many of our prominent men who heretofore have sent their children to the public schools are now taking them out, not wishing them under the influence of the present teachers. It is a sad time for the public schools of California, and it is feared that they will degenerate into mere party machines.

DEAF MUTES ON A SPREE.

The educated deaf mutes of this city held a meeting the other evening at the Mission Hall, and made arrangements for a grand picnic excursion the coming season. The object of the picnic is to raise funds to enable them to organize an association for purposes of social enjoyment. All the deaf mutes of Oregon, Nevada, Idaho and California are to be invited to join with them in their festivities. It will be a curious meeting, and one well worth attending.

CONVENTION OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

The first annual Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Department of California met in this city on the 21st, and effected a permanent organization. Delegates were present from all parts of the State. Great harmony and general good feeling existed throughout the entire proceedings. A full set of officers were elected, and the Convention then indorsed the first General Order of Gen. LOGAN.

On the evening of the 21st, Dr. STONE, who is the Grand Chaplain of the Order in this State, delivered a lecture before the members and friends of the Order at Platt's Hall, which was filled to its utmost capacity, with an intelligent and enthusiastic audience. It seemed as if the better portion of the city had turned out to give the soldier boys a greeting. The Doctor was in one of his finest moods, and the lecture was a master-piece of eloquence. After the address, a gentleman sang with great effect the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," the audience joining in the chorus. After which the large audience adjourned with three cheers for the soldiers of the Republic. Although the Grand Army on this coast is not a political organization, it will cast its vote solid for Gen. GRANT, and as goes the Grand Army so goes the State.

THE SUNDAY LAWS.

The prediction which I made in a former letter, that the Legislature would fail to repeal the Sunday law, has been fully verified. The Assembly have refused to touch the law, thereby breaking the pledge which they made with Germans to secure their vote. The Germans are very indignant, and say that they will never be sold again. Gen. GRANT will have their full vote next Fall.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Last Thursday evening this Association gave a grand concert at Dr. SCUDDER's Church, the proceeds to go toward erecting a new building for their use. This Association is composed of very worthy young men, who are anxious to raise money for the purpose of erecting a suitable building within whose sacred walls they could congregate and have a good time among themselves. There was only one way in which they could attract a crowd that would pay, and that was to advertise in the theatre organ. It was a bitter pill for these very worthy young men to take, but there was no help for it. They called on the theatre-going people to come up and help them in a flaming advertisement, which occupied a prominent place in the *Dramatic Chronicle*. As the *Chronicle* lives by its advertisements, the Association has been giving aid and comfort to the enemy, for which sin some Parisian father ought to call them to account.

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. B. THOMAS, D.D., late of Brooklyn, arrived last Sunday on the steamer. He has already made his mark in this city, and the Baptists are beginning to feel that they shall soon be able to sweep their open communion brethren from the field.

Elder KNAPP continues to hold forth at the First Baptist Church. Two Friends happened to meet in front of Dr. ERLE's church, on Stockton-street, the other evening, and one says to the other, "Does old KNAPP hold forth here?" "No," was the reply, "he preaches in the church round on Washington-street, and you are the one who ought to hear him, for the old gentleman is heavy on the brimstone."

BOD.

THE NEW DOMINION.

Dissensions in the Cabinet Council—The Nova Scotian Troubles—Proposed Government Measures—High-handed Proceedings.

From Our Own Correspondent.

TORONTO, Saturday, March 21, 1868.

If we are to believe the rumors afloat about the Federal Administration, the Cabinet Council is the frequent scene of unseemly differences among Ministers. It appears to be a well-understood fact that there is a lack of cordiality and good feeling between the Premier and the Ministerial leader from Quebec. The cause has frequently been mentioned, but I do not believe there has been any serious quarrel. The selection of the route for the Intercolonial Railway has given rise to some difficulty in the Cabinet, and possibly it is merely staved off by the taking of another survey, which Mr. SANDFORD FLEMING and his assistants are now making. It is probably true that Ministers do not act in harmony upon certain points, and it is even said that the Imperial Government has refused to hand over to them the control of the Northwest Territory. The report seems incredible from the fact that the Imperial authorities pressed the matter upon our Government, and urged immediate action. The necessary steps were taken before Parliament rose for the recess, but that is nearly three months since, and no answer—no definite one at least—as we have it from the Minister of Justice, has been returned from England. If the report is correct, it is no wonder that Ministers feel troubled in spirit, and have, as it is represented, but little heart for their work. Possibly rumor is doing them great injustice.

THE NOVA SCOTIAN TROUBLE.

The Legislature of Nova Scotia having sent a delegation to England with a protest against Confederation, and urging an immediate repeal of the Union in so far as that Province is concerned, our Government have taken it into their heads to try and counteract the efforts of the four gentlemen intrusted with the petition for repeal, and have commissioned Dr. TUPPER to proceed without delay to England. The knowledge of the fact has caused quite a sensation in the House of Commons, and the proceeding was very strongly denounced by several members on Thursday night, the Nova Scotian members taking occasion to repeat their secession sentiments. The action of the Government is not very discreet, for the reason that it would have been wiser to let the Nova Scotian delegates alone; then, again, Dr. TUPPER stands so badly with his own people, the "Blue-Noses," that he should not have been intrusted with the mission. Mr. GALT declined to be associated with Dr. TUPPER, on the alleged ground that he could be of no use with such a colleague, because of the antipathy of the Nova Scotians to that gentleman. It is only too obvious that Mr. GALT did not wish to go in a secondary capacity, and declined for that reason. He has a habit of giving any but the right cause for his action in public matters. Dr. TUPPER goes, right or wrong, but his mission will have the effect of still more strongly embittering the people of Nova Scotia against the Union. It is thought that a little conciliation might do good, and the Government are advised not to put the newspaper postage in force on the 1st of April, and to repeal the duty of 25 cents per barrel on American flour.

PROPOSED GOVERNMENT MEASURES.

The militia bill to be introduced by the Minister of Militia, Hon. Mr. CARTIER, is anxiously looked for. It has been carefully drawn up by Adjutant-General MCDOUGALL, but it is said that Mr. CARTIER has pruned it considerably. Great promises are supposed to have been given by the members of the Confederation Conference when they were in England, that a comprehensive militia bill was to be brought in, but as it was likely to be an expensive affair, it has been deemed advisable not to force too much upon the Dominion. Not a word appears to be known of the provisions of the measure.

The Minister of Finance has three bills ready, one on the currency, one on banking, and another on insurance. The currency bill provides for a mixed currency of pounds, shillings, pence, dollars, cents and mills. At present no account can be sued unless in decimal currency. The object of the bill is to make the currency uniform in consequence of a different currency in use in Nova Scotia, and which was formerly the currency of Canada. English specie will be made of such values as to answer to the decimal currency, and the copper coin will be respectively the half-penny one cent, and the penny two cents. The banking bill authorizes banks to withdraw their circulation and take Provincial notes instead, 5 per cent. being paid annually by the Government on the circulation withdrawn. The banks using Provincial, or Government notes, are not required to hold other Government securities. The insurance bill will completely revolutionize the insurance business in the Dominion, for it provides that no life company can do business without having $100,000 invested in Dominion stock, and a paid up capital of $100,000 besides. Fire companies are to invest $50,000. Insurance companies have been making immense sums of money without contributing any direct revenue to the country. Representatives of the principal companies have laid seige to the office of the Minister of Finance, and expect to prevail upon him greatly to modify his scheme.

RATHER HIGH-HANDED PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. Police Magistrate MCNABB has had a verdict returned against him at the County Assizes for malicious arrest and imprisonment. He issued an order to a Policeman to arrest one F. F. PASSMORE, for threatening his wife. It is not even known that the wife made a complaint, but the Police Magistrate, despising the forms of law, considered he had authority to give a written order, a warrant being of no consequence in his eyes. His Honor is somewhat imperious, but he will be more careful in future. He has recently taken to temperance lecturing, and has recklessly assailed the private characters of preachers, lawyers and others, until there is a prospect of his being stopped in his foolish course. A dispenser of the law should not betake himself to the temperance platform, as he has to deal with large numbers of cases in which liquor-dealers are concerned.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

The anniversary of St. Patrick was not generally observed this year. In this city there was a procession of the Hibernian Society, which passed off in a remarkably quiet manner. The President, Mr. P. BOYLE, delivered an address to the members of the Society before the procession broke up. It was comparatively mild, but hinted rather broadly at "the wrongs of Ireland," and it wound up with three cheers for ALLEN, LARKIN and GOULD, the Fenian martyrs. At Ottawa and Montreal there were concerts and speech-making, and at the former place there was a grand banquet in the evening in honor of Hon. T. D'ARCY MCGEE, which was attended by several members of the Government and of the House of Commons.

THE FRESHETS.

The storms of last week have done a great amount of damage in various parts of the Province of Ontario. The town of Belleville has evidently suffered the most, the finest bridge in that section of country, and constructed of iron, being carried away. The water rushed down the main street in a perfect torrent, and has caused very great damage.

THE OUTRAGE ON THE GRAND TRUNK.

The unfortunate man who was robbed and thrown from a train on the Grand Trunk Railway, last Saturday night, has since died, and JOHN MCFAUL, of Prescott, whom deceased named as the one who demanded his money, is under arrest. Poor STARR walked three-quarters of a mile to a farm-house after being thrown off the train. He had not much money when attacked.

ILLINOIS.

Political Matters—Republican State Convention—Manufacturing Interests—Crime.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CHICAGO, Monday, March 23, 1868.

Considerable uneasiness is beginning to manifest itself here in regard to the future of Mr. CHASE. It is evident that the Democratic leaders and Press are coquetting with him, and as he originally came from that party, there are those who are not so sure but that he will return to it again. The suspicions which have been set afloat are regarded as of sufficient importance to make the subject a matter of public and private comment. The interest in the impeachment business is unabated, and all are anxiously waiting for the trial to proceed. The people want to see the end of it, terminate which way it may. They are tired of agitation and excitement.

The Republican State Convention is exciting some attention. If Gen. PALMER persists in his declination, the contest for the Gubernatorial nomination will lie between Attorney-General Ingersoll, of Peoria, and Ex-Lieut. Gov. KOERNER, of St. Clair. For Secretary of State and Treasurer—offices which pay—there are numerous aspirants. Chicago will present two or three candidates for the nominations. In regard to Lieutenant-Governor there is not much said. I hear two candidates named for Chicago; one of them a commission merchant, and the other quite a distinguished lawyer, but more distinguished, perhaps, as a large-hearted philanthropist and for his general and liberal charities. I allude to CHARLES J. HULL, Esq., who is being prominently brought forward by his friends. He is one of the best stump speakers in the State, withal.

Grant Clubs are being formed in this city; but I don't exactly see the use of them. Perhaps it is merely to give prominence to those who expect to be the recipients of the General's favors when he becomes the dispenser of Federal patronage. I think you may set it down as quite certain that this State will "pronounce" for COLFAX for Vice-President.

THE GALE.

The damage done by the gale, of which I wrote in my last, proves to have been more extensive than was then supposed. A large number of buildings were demolished or seriously damaged in and around this city, and the loss is estimated at between $150,000 and $200,000. Two lives were also lost.

MANUFACTURING INTERESTS.

Manufacturing in Chicago meets with some drawbacks. Two glass companies for the manufacture of window-glass have been started here, and both have failed, after operating less than a year. As soon as they got to work, the old monopolies of Pittsburg, which supplied this market and have grown rich on the trade, put the price down so low as to cut off all profits. This the new companies could not stand, and they were forced to go into liquidation. There is about $10,000,000 worth of glass sold in this market annually, and it ought to be produced here. The American Brass and Clock Company, which erected extensive works and employed one hundred and fifty hands in one of our suburbs, has also resolved to go into liquidation. Their main buildings were destroyed by fire a short time since, and the insurance afforded about enough to pay the debts of the Company, while the capital invested is nearly or quite all sunk. Can't compete with Connecticut, with our high prices of rent, labor and material. The shoe business, however, appears to prosper and to be extending.

REVENUE MATTERS.

Our revenue officers are still seizing distilleries and their products. It is a curious fact in natural history—one which has attracted the attention of our citizens—that all the big fish escape through the nets, while the little ones are held and punished. The only reasonable explanation of this singular phenomenon is that the large distilleries have funds to bribe the officials, while the little ones haven't. At any rate they are discharged, and as no one has the right to look into the pockets of the Commissioner or other officers, we can't tell whether they are lined with greenbacks or not. But the general suspicion is that they are.

CRIME.

Crime is still rampant here, and it would seem that all the burglars of the country were holding high carnival in our city. We present great attractions for scamps from abroad, as well as the means of manufacturing them at home. In this respect Chicago can't be beat. Chicago is prepared to do great things the coming season. It is conceded on all sides that more buildings will be put up than during any previous years. The architects estimate the number from 10 to 12,000. They will be of all kinds—a majority of them, however, wooden structures of limited dimensions. But still many magnificent business blocks will go up, and churches and other public buildings.

The bankrupt and divorce business continues good in our courts, and parties are daily released from their pecuniary and marital responsibilities. Gov. EVANS, of Colorado is in town. He addressed the Board of Trade on Saturday, on the subject of the Western trade, and of the resources of the Mountain States and Territories.

CHINA.

Official Presentations by Mr. Burlingame, Previous to his Departure—Personnel of the Chinese Government.

Correspondence of the San Francisco Bulletin.

PEKING, China, Sunday, Nov. 24, 1867.

Mr. BURLINGAME closed his official career as United States Minister at Peking with two very interesting presentations. A portrait of Washington, copied by Mr. PRATT, of Boston, after the Stuart picture, was presented to the venerable SHU-KI-YU, who was degraded and banished by the late Emperor, HIEN-FUNG, for eulogizing WASHINGTON in his works, *The Geography of the World*, and *The Men of Note of Other Countries*, and one of the finest watches of the American Watch Company at Waltham, Mass., was presented to the Rev. PERE GILLIS, a French priest at Mutken, Manchooria, in the name of the presidents part of the Empire, for his Christian kindness in saving the lives of several Americans who had been shipwrecked on the Corean coast, sent overland through Corea, and from thence to Mucken.

PRESENTATION OF THE PORTRAIT OF WASHINGTON.

Through the kindness of Dr. S. WELLS WILLIAMS, the present United States Chargé d'Affaires, I am enabled to send you a complete account of the presentations, with translations of the French and Chinese replies of Mr. BURLINGAME:

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES, PEKING, Nov. 14, 1868.

To Hon. Wm. H. Seward, Secretary of State:

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that on the 21st of October last I presented the portrait of WASHINGTON to SEN-KI-YU, in the presence of the members of the Tsung-le-Yamen, (the Foreign Office.) Dr. S. WELLS WILLIAMS and Dr. W. A. P. MARTIN acted as interpreters. The ceremonies were very impressive.

I have the honor to be, &c.

ANSON BURLINGAME.

MR. BURLINGAME'S ADDRESS.

Mr. BURLINGAME, in his address to SEU-KI-YU, said: It is now nearly twenty years since you published a geographical history of the country lying beyond the boundaries of China. You brought to the work great labor, a sound judgment, and the marvelous scholarships of your native land. You passed in review the great men of the countries of which you wrote, and placed WASHINGTON before all the rest. You not only did this, but you placed him before the statesmen and warriors of your own country, and declared that he recalled the three dynasties whose serene virtues had shed their light along the ages for 4,000 years. Those words have been used and translated by the grateful countrymen of WASHINGTON. To show their appreciation of them, the President requested the Secretary of State to have made by a distinguished artist this portrait, and to send it over to your hand and to be placed in your hands. When you look upon its benignant features, do not recall with sorrow the eighteen years of retirement endured by you on account of your efforts to make Washington and the countries of the West better known; but rather, exult with us that an enlightened Government has for the same reason placed you near the head of a State, to aid in controling the affairs of 400,000,000 of people; and what is better, by a kind of poetical justice, you have been placed at the head of an institution whose purpose is to advance the views for which you were censured, and to instruct your people in the language and principles of WASHINGTON. By doing this you will please all the nations, for WASHINGTON belonged not to us alone, but to the world. His life and character were such as to peculiarly commend him to your countrymen. Like them he honored agriculture; and like them he was for peace, and only fought in defence of his country. Like them, he believed that every man is entitled to the inspiration of fair opportunity, and like them he held to the doctrine of CONFUCIUS, spoken 2,300 years ago, that "We should not go to others what we would not that others should do to us." This great truth came to WASHINGTON, not negatively but positively, from Divinity itself, as a command unto him, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." Why should we not exchange our thoughts? Why should we not have the moral maxims of CONFUCIUS and MENCIUS, and you the sublime doctrines of Christianity? Why should we not take your charming manners, your temperance, your hatred of scandal, your love of ship, your improvements in agriculture, and your high culture of tea and silk, and you our modern sciences, our steamboats, our railroads and telegraphs? Why should not this great nation, the mother of inventions, whence comes paper, printing, porcelain, the compass, gunpowder and the great doctrine that "The people are the source of power," follow up their inventions and principles, and enjoy them in all their development? Why should not the discoverers of coal have the wealth and strength derived from its use, and those who made the first water-tight vessels guided by a compass, use the great steamers when swiftness makes us your near neighbors, and which carry a thousand men on their decks. I present this portrait, with all good will, in the name of the people of the United States, hoping it may ever recall to you and yours their enduring friendship for your country, and their love and regard for you, its worthy representative."

SEU-KI-YU'S REPLY.

PEKIN, Oct. 25, 1867.

SIR: I have the honor to reply to your Excellency's favor which I yesterday carefully perused, and wherein you compliment me in sighs terms far beyond my merit, on the occasion of presenting me a portrait of WASHINGTON, the founder of your country.

On looking again and again at this fine present, my gratification at having been a remembrance of him, and my thanks both wait for their adequate expression. I reflect that in the wonderful ability exhibited by WASHINGTON in laying the foundation of your honorable country, he became an example and guide to mankind. His merit thus becomes a link between these ancient worthies and the men of all succeeding ages; and must, therefore, be forever held in remembrance.

In repeating my thanks in this brief reply to your Excellency's letter, I beg to wish you the enjoyment of every happiness.

SEU-KI-YU.

To His Excellency ANSON BURLINGAME, &c.

THE OTHER PRESENTATION.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES, PEKING, Nov. 12, 1867.

SIR.—You were so kind as to say that you would charge yourself with the delivery to the Rev. PERE GILLIS of a gold watch, sent to him by order of the Pro ident of the United States, for his great kindness to Capt. CHARLES H. MCCARLIN, and others of my countrymen, who came to Mutkin in 1866, under the charge of Chinese officials, and who, but for the action of PERE GILLIS, might have perished.

You will agree with me, my dear colleague, that we can have no greater pleasure than to be the medium by which a grateful nation seeks to express its appreciation of the noble conduct of one who, at the most distant post in the world, did his duty without hope of any other reward save that which comes to every true Christian. I place this testimonial in your hands as the Chief Representative of a country which has been honored by the conduct of PERE GILLIS, that his name may be added to the long list of men who, in all times and many countries, have shed lustre on the annals of France. I have, &c., ANSON BURLINGAME.

His Excellency Count DE LALLEMAND, Envoy of France, &c.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES, PEKING, Nov. 4, 1867.

Rev. Pere Gillis, Mukden:

SIR: It was with a feeling of sincere gratification that I learned, on my return to China last year to resume the duties of my office, the particulars of your kind conduct to Mr. MCCARLIN and others of my countrymen, who came to Mutkan in August, 1866, under the charge of Chinese officials. The treatment which these unfortunate men received is well known to you, and the particulars were made known to the Government at Washington, together with the opportune relief afforded them by you in their necessity, and the aid given them in prosecuting their journey.

I am very happy, therefore, in being the medium in presenting to you, at the request of the Secretary of State, a gold watch, which has been sent by order of the President, to be given you as an acknowledgment of your kindness to those shipwrecked men on that occasion. As I am about leaving the city, I have placed it in the hands of his Excellency, Count DE LALLEMAND, to forward to you.

I beg, Sir, to add my own cordial thanks to you for your efforts in their behalf, and avail myself of this opportunity to assure you of my high respect and best wishes. ANSON BURLINGAME,

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to China.

REPLY OF THE COUNT DE LALLEMAND.

LEGATION DE FRANCE, PEKING, Nov. 13, 1867.

MY DEAR COLLEAGUE: I have received the letter which you did me the honor to write to me yesterday; also the box which accompanied it, addressed to the Rev. PERE GILLIS, resident at Mutken. I will be careful to send to you by the most sure opportunity the letter of your Excellency, and the box inclosing the beautiful watch you showed to me. This honorable testimony of the gratitude of the President of the United States will be, I have no doubt, most welcome to Rev. PERE GILLIS, as in lending a cordial assistance to your compatriots in peril he has simply done his duty as a Christian and brother. I thank you, my dear colleague, for the kind manner in which your letter is conceived. I hope there never will be a Frenchman who will not lend a succor under like circumstances to one of your unhappy countrymen; and I am sure that my countrymen will always be able to invoke with equal confidence the aid of an American citizen. I propose by this occasion, my dear colleague, to express my sincere regrets at your approaching departure, and to offer you anew the assurances of my high consideration.

A. DE LALLEMAND.

His Excellency ANSON BURLINGAME.

In connection with these last official acts of the United States Minister to China, it will be interesting to read an account of the complimentary of the Government, which Mr. Burlingame, in the interests of his country and of civilization, has promised to serve. Through a rare piece of good fortune I have obtained this information. Only a few years since a foreign Minister at Peking offered the equivalent of £1,000 for what I am now about to write, and which will not cost me or the *Evening Bulletin* a single Chinese copper cash. Let your readers carefully peruse the notes about the "Ministers of the Presence," the "Great Council," and the "Grand Secretariat," and then they can form some idea how difficult it is for China to come up to our standard of what a great nation should be.

PERSONNEL OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

Since the *coup d'etat* in November, 1861, three months after the death of the late Emperor, HIEN-FUNG, the supreme Government has been vested in

fell under the temptation again—though riding home, on Sunday, in full sight of his neighbors.

'I declare, Deacon MANBLE, you will bring reproach on religion.' And looking at him through her spectacles, whose glasses were about four times the size of the eyes that snuggled behind them, she continued, 'I think deacon-timber was scarce when they picked you out.'

'Marcy on us, POLLY, I didn't make myself a deacon, and I didn't make myself, anyhow. I 'spose I perform pretty much as I was built. But I never saw any harm in laughing. It it's a sin I can't see what the Lord lets so many funny things happen for. I don't go and make things funny! They come to me. The whole world is full of queer things, and it aint my fault if I see them.' * * *

"What are you laughing at now? You are as full of levity as flies are. Would you laugh if you was dying? I really believe you would! To think of it! A deacon, at your time of life, chirpin' as it you was a cricket—and goin' round, as if you was nothin' better'n a bird, singing and hoppin', instead of being a deacon, with an immortal soul in him! Sometimes I am afeerd you are in the gall of bitterness yet. You ought to examine your evidences, deacon. Laughing is not one of the signs of grace, I'm sure. It's awful to be deceived; and you've a good many reasons to fear that you are deceivin' yourself."

PETE SAWHILL is also an important character in the story. Unlike most negroes, as we find them in New-England novels, he is a genuine "nigger," not a saint in charcoal, nor a paragon of virtue. A faithful, warmly attached servant, he has his little human failings, and has a great weakness for whisky. It is really pleasant to meet with a darkey in a New-England novel who isn't a living reproach to all white men. PETE serves BARTON faithfully during the war, rescues him from captivity and saves him from death. His drinking habits are a great grief to all his friends, and one day, after peace is restored and all the Norwood people are at home again, ROSE finally conquered him.

One day PETE fairly got it into his head, or heart rather, that his conduct was a grief to ROSE—a real sorrow. Instead of expostulating and reasoning with him, as heretofore, ROSE on the last occasion had burst into tears.

"Oh, PETE! you behave as if you cared for none of your friends. I am ashamed and grieved to the heart. You have been so long with us, and served the country so nobly, and saved BARTON'S life, and kept a great grief from us all, and now you have come back to disgrace us. I can't bear it, PETE; I can't bear it;" and ROSE'S tears fell fast.

Poor PETE was never before conscious of being an object of such special regard that any human being would cry for him. He was very awkwardly distressed for himself. He shuffled his feet and fumbled with his hands, and felt deeply in his pockets for something that was not there—a good resolution, probably—and blubbered and sputtered in the most distressing manner, till the whole scene became inexpressibly ludicrous for ROSE, who covered her face with her handkerchief, and bit her lips to keep from audible laughter. But to PETE this covering of ROSE'S face was the last affliction. He thought that he had done some great damage to her, and he exploded in an extraordinary mixture of crying, confession and howling, with promises which astounded ROSE. The poor fellow shook all over, and wrangled his hands and arms about in the air in the most aimless and awkward manner possible, and finally bolted for the door and disappeared. He brought up at Parson BUELL'S, and stumbled headlong into his study, just as the doctor was writing out his fifthly, in the coming sermon.

"I knew what you'd giv' me somethin'. Dew! if you please! I want to take some chin'."

The doctor thought that he must have taken something too much already. But, after some questioning, PETE broke out in a medley of grief again—quite like that in ROSE'S presence, but not so excessive.

"I ain't goin' to have no more rum; it's making her cry; and I ain't goin' to drink any more rum; and I want you to give me somethin'."

It was evident that PETE was inquiring after the temperance pledge, and the doctor at length became satisfied of the fact. Accordingly, he drew up a pledge, on the largest sheet of paper that he had in his study; and thinking that it might be more striking to PETE'S simple eyes, he ruled a band of red ink about the whole, upon which PETE looked much as the Israelites did upon the Red Sea when they first reached it. But it answered the purpose; PETE made his mark, and was faithful to his new promise.

We have said the story is constructed with little art; it reads like a transcript of a village chronicle written by a man of genius. Barton and Rose grow up together and fall in love with each other. Through PETE'S carelessness the letter Barton writes to Rose, just before his departure for the war, never reaches her, and not until the great national struggle is over, in which both take part, one as a soldier the other as a nurse, is the secret of their love confessed. Mr. BEECHER manages this part of the story with great delicacy and sentiment. There is no lovesickness in Barton, no sentimental weakness, sighing, poetry, and all that. He is a manly lover, and finds a true woman to love.

The largeness of Mr. BEECHER'S mind, and his superiority over sectional prejudice, are shown in his general treatment of the Southern people in his novel. He makes one of his New-England girls—Barton's own beautiful sister—fall in love with a Southern gentleman, who attains high rank in the rebel service without losing her love; and he does full justice to their bravery on the field, and to the motives that led them into secession. It is so common to find in Northern books the most abusive epithets heaped on the South, as if all her sons and daughters were worse than thieves and murderers, that this recognition of their nobler qualities strikes one as remarkable. But it fully accords with all Mr. BEECHER'S public utterances, from the pulpit and the platform.

It would be easy find fault with *Norwood*. The story is very open to criticism as regards construction, and the author's style is often careless and slovenly. But no one can read the book without feeling that in Dr. Wentworth, Barton Cathcart, Frank Esel, Tom Heywood, Rose and Alice he has gained new friends in the world of fiction. And from Mr. BEECHER'S exquisite descriptions of scenery, and his delineations of social and domestic life, the reader will learn more of the reality of New-England, of the many phases of thought and life among her people, than from any other book we are acquainted with.

THE NILE TRIBUTARIES OF ABYSSINIA AND THE SWORD HUNTERS OF THE HAMRAM ARABS. By SIR SAMUEL BAKER. Philadelphia: LIPPINCOTT & CO.

Under the foregoing title Sir SAMUEL W. BAKER has written a work which will be found interesting of perusal to the general reader, if not to those persons who care for something more than a book of travel and discovery. *The Nile Tributaries of Abyssinia* is, in fact, a pleasantly-written diary, abounding in adventures which are not of a particularly novel character, but are such as to be always read of with pleasure. It is almost wholly made up of the hunting experience of the author, who, accompanied by his wife, journeyed from Cairo to Khartoum; and describes, in a plain and unvarnished tale, the incidents that occurred during his explorations of the Nile tributaries of Abyssinia. After the preliminaries of the journey have been disposed of, and the travelers have arrived at Bezber, the first hippopotamus hunt, on the banks of the Atbara, occurs. It is thus sketched:

A HIPPOPOTAMUS HUNT.

We descended the steep sandy bank in a spot that the Arabs had broken down to reach the water, and, after trudging across about 400 yards of deep sand, we reached the extreme and narrowest end of the pool; here for the first time I saw the peculiar four-toed print of the hippopotamus's foot. A bed of melons had been planted here by the Arabs in the moist sand near the water, but the fruit had been entirely robbed by the hippopotami. A melon is exactly adapted for the mouth of this animal, as he could crunch the largest at one squeeze, and revel in the juice. Not contented with the simple fruits of the garden, a large bull hippopotamus had recently killed the proprietor. The Arab wished to drive it from his plantation, but was immediately attacked by the hippo, who caught him in its mouth and killed him by one crunch. This little incident had rendered the hippo exceedingly daring, and it had upon several occasions charged out of the water, when the people had driven their goats to drink; therefore it would be more satisfactory to obtain a shot, and to supply the hungry Arabs with meat at the expense of their enemy.

At this early hour, 6 A. M., no one had descended to the pool, thus all the tracks upon the margin were fresh and undisturbed; there were the huge marks of crocodiles that had recently returned to the water, while many of great size were still lying upon the sand in the distance; these slowly crept into the pool as we approached. The Arabs had dug small holes in the sand within a few yards of the water; these were the artificial drinking-places for their goats and sheep, that would have been snapped up by the crocodiles had they ventured to drink in the pool of crowded monsters. I waited for about a mile and a half along the sand without seeing a sign of hippopotami, except their numerous tracks upon the margin. There was no wind, and the surface of the water was unruffled; thus I could see every creature that rose in the pool either to breathe or to bask in the morning sunshine. The number and size of the fish, turtles and crocodiles were extraordinary; many beautiful gazelles approached from all sides for their morning draft; wild geese, generally in pairs, disturbed the very crocodiles by their cry of alarm as we drew near, and the desert grouse in flocks of many thousands had gathered together, and were circling in a rapid flight above the water, wishing, but afraid, to descend and drink. Having a shot-gun with me I fired and killed six at one discharge, but one of the wounded birds having fallen into the water at a distance of about 120 yards, it was immediately seized by a white throated fish-eagle, which perched upon a tree, swooped down upon the bird, utterly disregarding the report of the gun. The Bishareen Arabs have no firearms, thus the sound of a gun was unknown to the game of the desert.

I had killed several wild geese for breakfast in the absence of the hippopotami, when I suddenly heard the peculiar loud snorting neigh of these animals in my rear; we had passed them unperceived as they had been beneath the surface. After a quick walk of about half a mile, during which time the cry of the hippos had been several times repeated, I observed six of these curious animals standing in the water shoulder-deep. There was no cover, therefore I could only advance upon the sand without a chance of stalking them; this caused them to retreat to deeper water, but upon my arrival within about eighty yards, they raised their heads well up, and snorted an impudent challenge. I had my old Ceylon double rifle, and, taking a steady aim at the temple of the one that appeared to be the largest, the ball cracked loudly upon the skull. Never had there been such a commotion in the pool as now! At the report of the rifle, five heads sank and disappeared like stones, but the sixth hippo leaped half out of the water, and, falling backwards, commenced a series of violent struggles: now upon its back; then upon one side, with all four legs frantically paddling, and raising a cloud of spray and foam; then waltzing round and round with its huge jaws wide open, raising a swell in the hitherto calm surface of the water. A quick shot with the left-hand barrel produced no effect, as the movements of the animal were too rapid to allow a steady aim at the forehead; I accordingly took my trusty little Fletcher double rifle, and, running knee-deep into the water to obtain a close shot, I fired exactly between the eyes, near the crown of the head. At the report of the little Fletcher the hippo disappeared; the tiny waves raised by the commotion broke upon the sand, but the game was gone.

This being my first *vis-à-vis* with a hippo, I was not certain whether I could claim the victory; he was gone, but where? However, while I was speculating upon the case, I heard a tremendous rush of water, and; I saw five hippopotimi tearing along in full trot through a portion of the pool that was not deep enough to cover them above the shoulder; this was the affair of about half a minute, as they quickly reached deep water, and disappeared at about a hundred and fifty yards distance.

The fact of the hippos in retreat after I had counted six in the onset was conclusive that my waltzing friend was either dead or disabled; I accordingly lost no time in following the direction of the herd. Hardly had I arrived at the spot where they had disappeared, when first one and then another head popped up and again sank, until one more hardy than the rest ventured to appear within fifty yards, and to bellow as before. Once more the No. 10 flashed through his head, and again the waltzing and struggling commenced like the paddling of a steamer: this time, however, the stunned hippo in its convulsive efforts came so close to the shore that I killed it directly in shallow water by a forehead shot with the little Fletcher. I concluded from this result that my first hippo must also be lying dead in deep water.

The Arabs, having heard the shots fired, had begun to gather toward the spot, and, upon my men shouting that a hippo was killed, crowds came running to the place with their knives and ropes, while others returned to their encampment to fetch camels and mat-bags to convey the flesh. In half an hour at least three hundred Arabs were on the spot; the hippo had been hauled to shore by ropes, and by the united efforts of the crowd, the heavy carcase had been rolled to the edge of the water. Here the attack commenced; no pack of hungry hyænas could have been more savage. I gave them permission to take the flesh, and in an instant a hundred knives were at work: they fought over the spoil like wolves. No sooner was the carcase flayed, than the struggle commenced for the meat; two people were a mass of blood, and some stood thigh-deep in the reeking intestines wrestling for the fat, while many hacked at each other's hands for coveted portions that were striven for as a *bonne bouche*. I left the savage crowd in their ferocious enjoyment of flesh and blood, and I returned to camp for breakfast, my Turk, HADJI ACHMET, carrying some hippopotamus steaks.

The buck gazelles, of which such wholesale slaughter seems to have been made, are spoken of with great admiration.

THE GAZELLES OF THE WILDERNESS.

In the evening I went out stalking in the desert and returned with five fine buck gazelles. These beautiful creatures so exactly resemble the color of the sandy deserts which they inhabit, that they are most difficult to distinguish, and their extreme shyness renders stalking upon foot very uncertain. I accordingly employed an Arab to lead a camel, under cover of which I could generally manage to approach within a hundred yards. A buck gazelle weighs from sixty to seventy pounds, and is the perfection of muscular development. No person who has seen the gazelles in confinement in a temperate climate can form an idea of the beauty of the animal in its native desert. Born in the scorching sun, nursed on the burning sand of the treeless and shadowless wilderness, the gazelle is among the antelope tribe as the Arab horse is among its brethren, the high-bred and superlative beauty of the race. The skin is as sleek as satin, of a color difficult to describe, as it varies between the lightest mauve and yellowish brown; the belly is snow-white; the legs, from the knee downward, are also white, and are as fine as though carved from ivory; the hoof is beautifully shaped, and tapers to a sharp point; the head of the buck is ornamented by gracefully-curved annulated horns, perfectly black, and generally from nine to twelve inches long; the head is small and neat, and the well-known perfection—the full, large, soft, and jet-black eye of the gazelle. Although the desert appears incapable of supporting animal life, there are in the undulating surface numerous shallow sandy ravines, in which are tufts of a herbage so coarse that, as a source of nourishment, it would be valueless to a domestic animal; nevertheless, upon this dry and wiry substance the delicate gazelles subsist; and, although they never fatten, they are exceedingly fleshy and in excellent condition. Entirely free from fat, and nevertheless a mass of muscle and sinew, the gazelle is the fastest of the antelope tribe. Proud of its strength, and confident in its agility, it will generally bound perpendicularly four or five feet from the ground several times before it starts at full speed, as though to test the quality of its sinews before the race. The Arabs course them with greyhounds, and sometimes they are caught by running several dogs at the same time; but this result is from the folly of the gazelle, who at first distances his pursuers like the wind; but, secure in its speed, it halts and faces the dogs, exhausting itself by bounding and tilting in the air: in the meantime the greyhounds are closing up, and diminishing the chance of escape. As a rule, notwithstanding this absurdity of the gazelle, it has the best of the race, and the greyhounds return crestfallen and beaten. Altogether it is the most beautiful specimen of game that exists, far too lovely and harmless to be hunted and killed for the mere love of sport. But when dinner depends upon the rifle, beauty is no protection; accordingly, throughout our desert march we lived upon gazelles, and I am sorry to confess that I became very expert at stalking these wary little animals. The flesh, although tolerably good, has a slight flavor of musk; this is not peculiar to the gazelle, as the odor is common to most of the small varieties of antelopes.

Traveling in more distant parts, according to the writer, could not have been remarkably pleasant, if the camels at hand all resembled the quadruped he speaks of.

AN EASY-GOING CAMEL.

The camels arrived, and once more we were ready to start. Our factotum, EL BAGGAR, had collected a number of both baggage-camels and riding dromedaries or "hygeens;" the latter he had brought for approval, as we had suffered much from the extreme roughness of our late camels. There is the same difference between a good hygeen or dromedary and a baggage-camel as between the thoroughbred and the cart-horse: and it appears absurd in the eyes of the Arabs that a man of any position should ride a baggage-camel. Apart from all ideas of etiquette, the motion of the latter animal is quite sufficient warning. Of all species of fatigue, the back-breaking monotonous swing of a heavy camel is the worst; and, should the rider lose patience, and administer a sharp cut with the coorbatch that induces the creature to break into a trot, the torture of the rack is a pleasant tickling compared to the sensation of having your spine driven by a sledge-hammer from below, half a foot deeper into the skull. The human frame may be inured to almost anything; thus the Arabs, who have always been accustomed to this kind of exercise, hardly feel the motion, and the portion of the body most subject to pain in riding a rough camel upon two bare pieces of wood for a saddle, becomes naturally adapted for such rough service, as monkeys become hardened from constant sitting upon rough substances. The children commence almost as soon as they are born, as they must accompany their mothers in their annual migrations; and no sooner can the young Arab sit astride and hold on, than he is placed behind his father's saddle, to which he clings, while he bumps upon the bare back of the jolting camel. Nature quickly arranges a horny protection to the nerves, by the thickening of the skin; thus, an Arab's opinion of the action of a riding hygeen should never be accepted without a personal trial. What appears delightful to him may be torture to you, as a strong breeze and a rough sea may be charming to a sailor but worse than death to a landsman.

I was determined not to accept the camels now offered as hygeens until I had seen them tried; I accordingly ordered our black soldier EL BAGGAR to saddle the most easy-actioned animal for my wife, but I wished to see him put it through a variety of paces before she should accept it. The delighted EL BAGGAR, who from long practice was as hard as the heel of a boot, disdained a saddle; the animal knelt, was mounted, and off he started at full trot, performing a circle of about fifty yards diameter as though in a circus. I never saw such an exhibition. "Warranted quiet to ride, of easy action, and fit for a lady!" This had been the character received with the rampant brute, who now, with head and tail erect, went tearing round the circle, screaming and roaring like a wild beast, throwing his forelegs forward, and stepping at least three feet high in his trot. Where was El Baggar? A disjointed-looking black figure was sometimes on the back of this wild-going camel, sometimes a foot high in the air; arms, head, legs, hands appeared like a confused mass of dislocations; the woolly hair of this unearthly individual, that had been carefully trained in long, stiff, narrow curles, precisely similar to the tobacco known as "negro-head," alternately started upright *en masse*, as though under the influence or electricity, and then fell as suddenly upon his shoulders; had the dark individual been a "black dose" he or it could not have been more thoroughly shaken. This object so thoroughly disguised by rapidity of movement was EL BAGGAR; happy, delighted EL BAGGAR! As he came rapidly round toward us, flourishing his coorbatch, I called to him, "Is that a nice hygeen for the Si, (lady,) EL BAGGAR? Is it very easy?" He was almost incapable of a reply. "Y-e-s-y h-a-p-p-y," replied the trustworthy authority, "j-j-just the thin-n-n-g for the l-l-l-

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250,000 first mortgage bonds of the South Side Railroad of Long Island for sale.

These bonds are 7 per cent. coupons, payable 1st of March and September, at Atlantic National Bank, Brooklyn, the mortgage covering the entire property of the Company.

The South Side Railroad runs from the East River, Brooklyn, through all the villages on the south side of the Island to Patchogue, distance 55 miles, 34 miles complete and running. Net earnings now running 10 per cent. Winter months paying interest on the bonds. The road is graded to Islip, iron and ties on the line, and the entire line will be completed as soon as the weather will permit.

For sale on favorable terms by

SMITH, GOULD, MARTIN & CO.,

Bankers and Brokers,

No. 11 Broad-st., New-York.

ST. LOUIS AND IRON MOUNTAIN RAILROAD COMPANY,

SEVEN PER CENT. BONDS, FEBRUARY AND AUGUST.

The title of the ST. LOUIS AND IRON MOUNTAIN RAILROAD having been examined by both branches of the Legislature, and the bonds declared valid, the work of extending the road will now go rapidly forward: 45 miles of the new part will be running next August, and the balance during the early part of the next year, so that a continuous route will be opened in about one year to Mobile and New-Orleans. The old part of the road 70 miles long, passing through a section of country on the whole mortgage debt; the entire proceeds of the issue being expended on the extension adds to the security. Pamphlets and particulars can be had at the office of the Company. The bonds will be sold until the 10th April at the low price of 82½.

H. G. MARQUAND, Vice-President,

No. 43 Wall-st.

HOUSTON GAS COMPANY BONDS.

The undersigned offer for sale $40,000 of mortgage bonds of the Houston Gas Light Company, State of Texas. These bonds are part of an issue of $80,000, by the company, and are secured by a mortgage on their franchise and the entire property of the Company to P. N. Spofford, Trustee.

Interest at 10 per cent. per annum is payable semi-annually at the office of the Company, in Houston, or in this City at the office of the undersigned.

SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO.

ASTOR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

ELECTION.

The annual election for Directors and three Inspectors of Election will be held at the office, No. 16 Wall-st., on WEDNESDAY, April 8, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock P. M.

J. G. HOGANSON, Secretary.

LEHIGH AND SUSQUEHANNA COAL COMPANY.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Lehigh and Susquehanna Coal Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 29 Broad-st., New-York, on WEDNESDAY, April 1, at 10 o'clock A. M. By order

HENRY ASHLEY, Secretary.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.

NO. 59 WALL-ST.,

ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS FOR USE IN COUNTRY AND ABROAD.

DES MOINES VALLEY RAILROAD CO.

The coupons of the First Mortgage 8 per cent. Bonds of the Des Moines Valley Railroad Company, due 1st April proximo, will be paid on and after that date at the banking house of GILMAN, SON & CO., No. 47 Exchange-place.

BANK OF LOUISIANA, NEW-ORLEANS, March 17, 1868.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING whether the creditors of the Bank of Louisiana will accept the proposition made by the stockholders to the creditors for a resolution adopted at a meeting of the stockholders of the Bank, holden on the 14th of March, 1868:

Notice is hereby given that subscription books will be open during thirty days at the banking-house of the Bank of Louisiana, for receiving subscriptions for capital stock in a new corporation to be formed under the laws of the State, to carry on the business of banking, and to be organized on the terms and conditions set forth in the printed report made to the stockholders of the Bank of Louisiana at the said meeting.

Copies of the report can be had at the banking-house of the Merchants' National Bank, New-York.

Messrs. A. LANFEAR,
L. F. GENERES,
J. B. LEPRETRE,
J. U. LAVILLEBEUVRE,
JOHN PEMBERTON,

were appointed a committee to receive subscriptions in accordance with the above notice.

J. F. IRVINE, Cashier.

CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD COMPANY, SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S OFFICE, CHICAGO, Ill., March 10, 1868.

NOTICE TO STOCK AND BONDHOLDERS.—Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders and voting Bondholders of the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company, that the annual meeting of said Company for the election of Directors and transaction of any other business that may be presented, will be held at the office of this Company, in Chicago, Ill., on MONDAY, the 6th day of April, 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The transfer-books of the Company will be closed at the close of business hours on the 25th inst., and reopened for transfers on the morning of April 7, 1868.

W. M. LARRABEE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, No. 212 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, March 24, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the Company, No. 212 Broadway, on MONDAY, April 6, 1868, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. to 1 o'clock P. M.

J. A. MORTIMORE, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, March 26, 1868.

NOTICE.—THE COUPONS OF THE UNION AND LOGANSPORT RAILROAD COMPANY, due 1st of April next, will be paid at the St. Nicholas National Bank, on and after maturity.

B. E. SMITH, President.

CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD Coupons of Income Bonds, due April 1, 1868, will be paid on and after that date at the office of Messrs. M. K. JESUP & Co., No. 12 Pine-st., New-York, less Government tax; also, St. Louis, Jacksonville and Chicago R. R. Coupons of First Mortgage Bonds, free of Government tax.

M. K. JESUP & CO.

NEW-YORK, March 20, 1868.

CITY OF KEOKUK 8 PER CENT. BONDS.—Interest on the above bonds payable at the Central National Bank, New-York. Total issue only $3:6,000.

These bonds UNDER GUARANTEES and a THREE-FOLD SECURITY, held by Henry A. Smith as trustee, may be regarded as amply secured, and a safe first-class investment. A small amount for sale. Apply to

WM. H. SANFORD, Cashier.

Central National Bank, New-York.

HOME INSURANCE COMPANY, OFFICE, No. 135 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, March 21, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at the office, on MONDAY, the 6th day of April. Polls open at 12 M. and close at 1 P. M.

J. H. WASHBURN, Secretary.

BUFFALO AND ERIE RAILROAD CO.—The transfer-books of this Company will close on the 25th instant at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, and remain closed until the 1st proximo.

H. L. LANSING, Treasurer.

NEW-YORK, March 14, 1868.

BONDS OF THE TOWN OF KINGSTON, Ulster County, N. Y., bearing seven per cent. interest, payable in New-York, for sale by

W. J. & JOHN O'BRIEN, No. 56 Wall-st.

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No. 293 BOWERY.

Six Per Cent. interest (free from tax) allowed on all sums of from $5 to $5,000.

Deposits made on or before April 1 will draw interest from that date.

Open daily from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.; on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 to 7.

German spoken.

ALFRED T. CONKLIN, President.

HENRY C. FISHER, Secretary.

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SIX PER CENT. INTEREST, free from tax, ALLOWED ON ALL SUMS, from $5 to $5,000.

Amount of one dollar received.

INTEREST COMMENCE April 1.

ISAAC T. SMITH, President.

T. W. LILLIE, Secretary.

THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK,

Corner of 30-av., and 26th-st.

Six per cent. interest paid, free from Government tax, on all sums from $1 to $3,000.

Money deposited now will draw interest from April 1. Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.; and on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from 6 to 8 o'clock.

SPENCER K. GREEN, President.

WM. B. BIBBINS, Secretary.

CITIZENS' SAVINGS BANK,

NO. 58 BOWERY, CORNER CANAL-ST.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED ON ALL SUMS FROM FIVE TO FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. Money deposited now will draw interest from April 1. Bank open every day from 10 to 3, and also on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5 to 7. Bank books in English, German and French. Interest payable in July and January.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK.

Nos. 396 and 398 CANAL-ST., corner of LAIGHT.

OPEN DAILY from 10 to 3 o'clock. Six per cent. interest, on $5 to $5,000. Money deposited before April 1 will bear interest from that date.

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IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION,

No. 96 Warren-st.

INTEREST ALLOWED AT THE RATE of six per cent. on all sums of $2.0 0 and under, and five per cent. on all sums over $2,000, not exceeding $5,000. Money deposited now draws interest from April 1. Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.

V. L. BUXTON, Secretary.

NEW-YORK SAVINGS BANK, 8TH-AV., CORNER OF 14TH-ST.—Six Per Cent. interest, free of tax, paid on all sums from $5 to $5,000. Deposits made on or before April 1, will draw interest from April 1.

R. H. MACLAY, President.

S. S. CONSTANT, Vice-President.

R. H. BULL, Secretary.

DIVIDENDS.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY COMPANY, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, PITTSBURGH, March 14, 1868.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have declared the regular quarterly dividend (No. 17) of 2½ per cent. free of Government tax on the capital stock, for the quarter ending March 31, payable on and after WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of April, 1868, at the office of Winans & Co., Nos. 27 and 29 Pine-st., to those registered at New-York and at the office of the Treasurer to those registered at Pittsburgh.

The transfer-books will close on the 31st day of March, at 2 o'clock P. M., and reopen the 16th day of April, 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M.

F. M. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY, TONTINE BUILDINGS, No. 8 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, March 24, 1868.

FORTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of Six (6) per Cent. out of the earnings of the Road for the nine months ending 30th inst., payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives on and after the 6th of April next.

Transfer Books will be closed on the afternoon of the 27th inst., and reopened on the morning of the 8th proximo.

HENRY SMITH, Treasurer.

OFFICE HARTFORD AND NEW-HAVEN R. R. CO., HARTFORD, March 27, 1868.

NOTICE—A QUARTERLY DIVIDEND OF three dollars, free of Government tax, has been declared on each share of stock standing on the books the 25th day of March inst., by the Board of Directors of the Hartford and New-Haven Railroad Company, payable on WEDNESDAY, April 1. Stockholders in New-York will receive said dividend at the Union Trust Company Bank. The transfer books will be closed the 25th of March, to reopen the 2d of April.

S. P. CONNER, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, March 27, 1868.

BULL'S HEAD BANK—THIRTY-EIGHTH DIVIDEND.—The Bank has declared its usual QUARTERLY DIVIDEND OF FOUR (4) per cent., free of all taxes, out of the earnings of the past three months, payable on and after the 1st of April next.

G. W. WILLETT, Cashier.

PROPOSALS.

SEALED PROPOSALS

Will be received by the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education, at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm sts., until Wednesday, the last day of April next, at 4 o'clock P. M., for altering and repairing the building, &c., on lot No. 174 Mulberry-st., near Broome-st. Plans and specifications of said alterations and repairs can be seen at the office of the Superintendents of Buildings and Repairs, No. 146 Grand-st., third floor. Two responsible and approved sureties—whose names must accompany the proposal, for the faithful performance of the contract—will be required from the successful bidder. The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals offered, if deemed for the public interest to do so.

Dated March 19, 1868.

WILSON SMALL,
HORATIO P. ALLEN,
PETER H. JACKSON,
J. MOODY BRENNAN,
OTTO H. COOP,
Committee on Buildings.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, (and nowhere else,) until MONDAY, the 6th day of April, 1868, at 12 o'clock, noon, for supplying the COAL and WOOD required in the Public Schools in this City for the ensuing year: say six thousand five hundred (6,5:0) tons of coal, and three thousand (3,0:0) cords of oak wood, and one thousand one hundred (1,100) cords of pine wood, more or less.

The coal must be of the best quality of white ash, furnace and stove sizes, in good order, two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds to the ton, and must be delivered in the bins at the several school buildings. The proposals must state the mines from which it is proposed to supply the coal, and be furnished from the mine (which will be accepted, and must state the price per ton of two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds.

The oak wood must be of the best quality, the sticks not less than three (3) feet long, and not less than three (3) inches in diameter.

The pine wood must be of the best quality, not less than three (3) feet and (6) inches long.

The proposals must state the price per cord of one hundred and twenty-eight (128) cubic feet, solid measure, for both pine and oak wood, and also the price per cord for sawing and splitting part load, the quantity of oak wood to be split only as required by the Committee on Supplies.

The wood will be inspected and measured under the supervision of the Inspector of Fuel of the Board of Education, and must be delivered at the schools when ordered, as follows:

Two-thirds of the quantity required from the first day of June to the twenty-fifth day of August, and the remainder as required by the Committee on Supplies.

Said wood, both oak and pine, must be delivered sawed and when required split, and must be piled in the yards, cellars, vaults or bins of the school buildings, as may be designated by the proper authority. The contract for supplying said wood to be completed on or before until the 28th day of May, 1869. Two sureties for the faithful performance of the contract will be required, and each proposal must be accompanied with the signatures and residences of the proposed sureties.

No compensation will be allowed for delivering said coal and wood at any of the schools, nor for putting and piling the same in the yards, cellars, vaults or bins of said schools.

Proposals must be directed to the "Committee on Supplies of the Board of Education," and should be indorsed "Proposals for Coal," or "Proposals for Wood," as the case may be.

The Committee reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals offered.

TIMOTHY BRENNAN,
SAMUEL B. H. VANCE,
THOMAS J. HALL,
JAMES P. DUFFIGNAC,
JOHN JASPER,
Committee on Supplies.

NEW ADVERTISEMENT FOR TENDERS FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF MAILS BETWEEN NEW-ORLEANS AND BRITISH HONDURAS.—The Government of British Honduras invites tenders for the monthly conveyance, during a period of one year, to commence on WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of June, 1868, of mails between New-Orleans and Belize, in British Honduras, by steamer vessels of not less than 500 tons, English measurement.

The steamers will have to leave New-Orleans on Wednesday, the eighteenth day after the first Saturday in every month, or, in the event of the European mails from L verpool not reaching New-Orleans in time for their dispatch, on Wednesday, as soon after their arrival there as practicable. The passage between New-Orleans and Belize, either way, must be performed within five days. The steamer must leave Belize on her return voyage on the seventh day (inclusive) after her arrival. The contract for which will be paid by monthly installments. Tenders will be received at the British Consulate, in New-Orleans, on or before the 23d day of April, to be forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor of British Honduras, and at the Colonial Secretary's office, in Belize, on or before the 2d day of May next.

N. B.—Steamers carrying mails under contract with the British Government, or with the Government of British Honduras, are exempt from port charges in British Honduras.

UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE, No. 71 STATE-ST., ALBANY, N. Y., March 25, 1868.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at this office until noon, WEDNESDAY, April 8, 1868, for furnishing to the United States, from six hundred and fifty thousand to eight hundred and fifty thousand feet, more or less, of eight inch by twelve inch sawed hemlock timber, pieces to be not less than twenty-five feet long and to be delivered at the dykes on Hudson River, between Troy and New Baltimore, in rafts strong enough to stand steamboat waves.

Bids will be received for so much per thousand feet, and must be made on printed forms, which will be furnished.

Forms for proposals can be obtained at this office, where full particulars will be given. The successful bidder will be required to enter into contract with the United States in good and sufficient sureties; stamps for contracts and bonds to be furnished by the contractor. The United States reserve the right to reject all bids deemed disadvantageous.

By order of Brevet Major-Gen. JOHN NEWTON.

JOHN M. WILSON,
Major Engineers and Brevet Lieut.-Col., U. S. A.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL, No. 17 STATE-ST., NEW-YORK CITY, March 27, 1868.

SEALED PROPOSALS ARE INVITED and will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M., MONDAY, March 30, 1868, for the delivery at such wharves in New-York Harbor as may be directed:

345,000 (three hundred and forty-five thousand) pounds of good merchantable Timothy Hay, for shipment to North Carolina, subject to inspection by an officer of this Department.

The United States reserves the privilege of rejecting any or all of the bids if deemed advisable.

Proposals should be indorsed "Proposals for Hay" and addressed to the undersigned.

RUFUS INGALLS,
Brevet Major-Gen. and Asst. Qu.-Gen.

AUCTION SALES.

JAMES M. MILLER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTORS' SALE OF CENTRAL PARK AND BOULEVARD LOTS.

On TUESDAY, 31st March, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

19 lots on northerly side of 141st-st., between the Grand Boulevard and Bloomingdale Road, including the corner.

10 lots on southerly side of 142d-st., 150 feet east of 8th-av. On one lot is a superior two-story frame house.

4 lots on northerly side of 83d-st., 150 feet east from 8th-av., in rear of the above.

1 lot on south side of 91st-st., 459½ feet east of 8th-av. Seventy per cent. on mortgage.

Maps at auctioneer's office, No. 28 Pine-st.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.

WEST 48TH-ST., NEAR 8TH-AV.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, March 31, 1868, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity Building,) New-York:

WEST 48TH-ST.—The lease of 2 lots on the south side of 48th-st., 625 feet west of 8th-av., from Columbia College; has 20 years to run from November, 1867, with three renewals of 21 years each at valuation; ground rent $400 per annum and taxes on each lot, 25x100.5. Lots are free from rock and already excavated.

Maps at the office of the auctioneers, No. 3 Pine-st., New-York.

BY HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER, Auctioneers.

SPECIAL AND IMPORTANT SALE OF FIRST-CLASS PICTURES, the recent importation of

J. P. BEAUMONT,

to be sold at auction by

HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER, on the EVENINGS of THURSDAY, 26, and FRIDAY, 27 April, at the GALLERIES OF ART ASSOCIATION, No. 817 and 819 Broadway, southwest corner 12th-st., at 7½ o'clock each evening.

The collection has been recently much enriched by purchases of many important works made during Mr. Beaumont's residence in Paris at the time of the great Exhibition, as well as from the various other art centres of Europe, in the selection of which he has been guided by his long artistic experience of more than thirty years, aided by an ample expenditure of capital, and contains, among others, specimens by the following distinguished painters, viz.:

Devedeux,	Hasenclever,	De Jonghe,
Meyer,	M. Lachenen,	Diaz,
Louis Meyer,	De Huevel,	W. Verschuur,
Schmidt,	Jenny Geefs,	Carl Hoff,
Verboeckhoven,	Otto Erdman,	Pecrus,
Bodchington,	Ingemann,	Van Schendel,
H. Baron,	Count de Bylandt,	Escosura,
Lasalle,	Shayer, Sr.,	Von Franken,
Mlle. Rosenboom,	Zamacois,	Carl Hubner,
Ischaggeny,	Heruh G. Ten Kate,	E. J. Lobbett,
L. Mignot,	Isabey,	Rofe,
E. Troyer,	A. Schelfhout,	G. Armfield,
Gueleuw,	Vautier,	H. G. Hookkeck,
Nordenberg,	Mlle. Backhuysen	And. Achenbach,
Schlesinger,	E. Klein,	Also,
Hommodel,	W. Linderstahl,	J. Robie,
A. Dillens,		Also,
A. Biarstadt,		

NEW-ENGLAND SCENERY BY F. E. CHURCH.

UNE SOIREE-DU-DIABLE, THE CHEF-D'ŒUVRE OF CARL BECKER.

A NIGHT MARKET, BY P. VAN SCHENDEL.

AN INTERIOR, BY F. WILLEMS AND VAN HOVE,

and others of great celebrity.

On exhibition on and from TUESDAY, 24th of March, day and evening, until time of sale, with catalogue.

By HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER.

HENRY H. LEEDS, AUCTIONEER.

On TUESDAY, March 31, at 10½ o'clock, at the private residence No. 29 West 39th-st.,

GENTEEL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

Full particulars hereafter.

HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER, Auctioneers.

ON MONDAY, APRIL 6, TUESDAY 7, WEDNESDAY 8, AND CONTINUING UNTIL THE ENTIRE STOCK IS SOLD,

AT 10½ O'CLOCK EACH DAY,

THE ELEGANT FURNITURE, MIRRORS, CARPETS, PAINTINGS, PIER TABLES, BRONZES, BEDDING, BAR AND RESTAURANT FIXTURES, &c., &c., of the Howard Hotel, corner Broadway and Maiden-lane, comprising a very large and valuable assortment, very desirable to dwelling or hotel furnishing, to be sold without reserve, as the buildings are to be remodeled for other business. Also, the large and valuable stock of WINES and LIQUORS, selected with care and very choice. Full particulars in a few days. Sale positive.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.

STORE, NO. 73 WARREN-ST., AT AUCTION.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, March 31, 1868, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway (Trinity building), New-York.

73 WARREN-ST.—The valuable store and lease of lot No. 73 Warren-st., south side, between College-place and Greenwich-st. Store is three stories, attic, basement and sub-cellar. Size, 20x75 feet, and the 3 lots adjoining are each 25x75 feet, and the 3 northerly lots are each 25x96 feet.

98TH-ST.—2 lots, south side, 195 feet east of the 6th-av., each 25x100.5. Also the lot south side 58th-st., 270 feet east of 6th-av. Also, 3 lots south side 58th-st., 370 feet east of 6th-av. Sixty per cent. may remain on bond and mortgage, if desired.

Maps at the office of the auctioneers.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

CENTRAL PARK LOTS ON 57TH-AV. AND 109TH-ST. AT AUCTION.—ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO., will sell at auction on MONDAY, March 30, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

57TH-AV.—1 lot on east side of 57th-av., 50 feet 4 inches south of 109th-st., and opposite Central Park.

109TH-ST.—Seven lots, south side, commencing 100 feet east of 5th-av.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

STABLE ON EAST 32D-ST. AT AUCTION.—ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO., will sell at auction on TUESDAY, March 31, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

EAST 32D-ST.—The two-story brick stable and loft, situate on the south side of East 32d-st., 80 feet east of Lexington-av., and known as No. 140. The stable has stalls for four horses, gas, and Croton, and is in good order, being 15 ft. front, 20 feet rear, by 58 feet deep.

J. M. MILLER, Auctioneer.

REFEREE'S SALE, BY J. M. MILLER, Auctioneer, on 7th April, 1868, at noon, at No. 111 Broadway, of two desirable lots on southwest corner of Bowery and Bayard-st., with the brick stores and hotel thereon, known as "The Worden House."

D. HAWLEY Referee.

CHAS. B. HART, Plaintiff's Attorney.

OFFICE OF COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE, FOURTH DISTRICT, STATE OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, No. 61 ANN-ST., DECEMBER 25, 1867.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I have destrained upon the goods, machinery and effects belonging to SOLOMON, SPEAR & CO., at No. 175 Washington-st., in this district, for the payment of a tax due the United States, and assessed against said Solomon, Spear & Co. The property, consisting of a large quantity of leaf tobacco, manufactured tobacco, both loose and in packages; tobacco cutters, presses and all the machinery and implements of a first-class tobacco factory, will be offered for sale at public auction, at United States Bonded Warehouse, No. 56 Broadway, New-York, on the 1st day of April, 1868, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day.

J. F. BAILEY, Collector.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE BY ASSIGNEE IN BANKRUPTCY.—The steam propellor D. GAZLEY, 90 feet long, 17½ feet beam, 9 feet depth of hold, carrying capacity about 200 tons, built in 1862, boiler one year old.

Will be sold at public auction at Nyack, Rockland County, N. Y., where the vessel can be seen, on THURSDAY, April 2, 1868, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Terms made known on day of sale by

DANIEL D. DEMAREST,
Assignee in Bankruptcy of J. P. & J. Smith.

NYACK, March 16, 1868.

FURNITURE.

WARREN WARD & CO.,

MANUFACTURERS OF FURNITURE,

No. 679 BROADWAY,

Warehouses, Nos. 75 and 77 Spring-st., corner of Crosby. Manufactory, No. 379 West 12th-st., extending through to No. 120 Jane-st.

Buyers of furniture are invited to examine the largest stock of fashionable furniture to be found in this City, consisting of

PARLOR, LIBRARY AND DINING-ROOM SUITES OF OUR OWN MANUFACTURE, AND WARRANTED IN EVERY RESPECT.

Particular attention given to the furnishing of CHURCHES, COUNTRY RESIDENCES, HOTELS, &c

FURNITURE, FURNITURE.—AT LARGELY reduced prices. BRAUNSDORF & METZ, manufacturers, Nos. 125 and 127 Rivington-st., between Norfolk and Essex sts., offer their large and well assorted stock of first-class furniture, consisting of sitting-room, parlor, library, bedroom and dining-room suites of the latest styles, to the public at wholesale prices. N. B.—All goods warranted.

A. L. SATTERSON, FURNITURE EXPRESS and Furniture Storage Establishment, Nos. 657, 659 and 661 6th-av., between 36th and 40th sts. Furniture boxed and shipped or moved in or out of the City. N. B.—The best storage stores and rooms for furniture by load or rooms. Unexceptionable references and twenty years' experience.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON the 16th day of March, A. D. 1868, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of FREDERICK ZIEGLER, of the City of New-York, in the County of New-York, and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 161 Broadway, in the City of New-York, before Mr. Henry Wilder Allen, Register, on the 20th day of April, A. D. 1868, at 11 o'clock A. M.

R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal,

as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

MARCH 28, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON the 20th day of March, A. D. 1868, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of FRANK BILLS, of the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 83 Nassau-st., in the City of New-York, before Edgar Ketchum, Register, on the 4th day of May, A. D. 1868, at 12 o'clock M.

R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal,

as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

MARCH 28, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON the 25th day of March, A. D. 1868, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of MORRIS SIMONS, of New-York City, in the County of New-York, and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 7 Beekman-st., corner of Nassau-st., Rooms Nos. 3 and 4, in the City of New-York, before Mr. James B. Dwight, Register, on the 28th day of April, A. D. 1868, at 2 o'clock P. M.

R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal,

as Messenger, Southern District of New-York.

MARCH 28, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON the 27th day of March, A. D. 1868, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of JOHN W. WINANT, of the City of New-York, in the County of New-York, and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 29 Pine-st., New-York City, before John Fitch, Register, on the 15th day of April, A. D. 1868, at 12 o'clock M.

R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal,

as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

MARCH 25, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON the 27th day of March, A. D. 1868, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of FREDERICK CONRAD, of the City of New-York, in the County of New-York, and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at the office of the Register, No. 2 Broadway, Room No. 4, in the City of New-York, before Isaac Dayton, Register, on the 15th day of April, A. D. 1868, at 12 o'clock M.

R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal,

as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

MARCH 28, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON the 27th day of March, A. D. 1868, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of SIMON STERN, also known by the name of WOLF STERN, of the City of New-York, in the County of New-York, and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 161 Broadway, in the City of New-York, before Henry Wilder Allen, Register, on the 27th day of April, A. D. 1868, at 12 o'clock M.

R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal,

as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

MARCH 28, 1868.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, relative to the opening of Eighty-second-street, from the Second-avenue to the Fifth-avenue, (where not already opened,) in the City of New-York.—Pursuant to statutes in such case made and provided, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, hereby give notice that they intend to apply to the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at the City Hall, in the City of New-York, on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of April, 1868, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, in the above-entitled matter; that the nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the opening of Eighty-second-street, from the Second-avenue to the Fifth-avenue, (where not already opened,) in said City, as laid out on the map or plan of the City, under and by virtue of an act of the Legislature of the people of the State of New-York, entitled "An act relative to improvements touching the laying out of streets and roads in the City of New-York, and for other purposes," passed April 3, 1807.

RICHARD O'GORMAN,
Counsel to the Corporation.

Dated New-York, March 21, 1868.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, relative to the opening of One Hundred and Thirty-first-street, from Eighth-avenue to the Harlem River (where not already opened,) in the City of New-York.—Pursuant to statutes in such case made and provided, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, hereby give notice, that they intend to apply to the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, at a special term of said Court, to be held at the City Hall, in the City of New-York, on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of April, 1868, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, in the above-entitled matter; that the nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the opening of One Hundred and Thirty-first-street, from Eighth-avenue to the Harlem River, (where not already opened,) in said City, as laid out on the map or plan of the City, under and by virtue of an act of the Legislature of the people of the State of New-York, entitled "An act relative to improvements touching the laying out of streets